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DRUGS

Rehab clinic seeing greater numbers of youth addictions



Jeremy Simes
For Metro | Calgary

The growth of marijuana dependency is a troubling issue for Calgary's youth, according to a director at a local clinic.

"It's alarming to the point that we're treating more marijuana-dependent youth across North America than (all) other illicit drug(s) combined," said Dr. Jackie Smith at the Alberta Adolescent Recovery Centre, adding the majority of her clients are addicted to and dependent on pot.

Smith's comments come as popular stances on weed continue to change, with Vancouver selling it through dispensaries and the Liberals promising to legalize it if elected.

"It's just condoned and way more accessible now," she said, adding kids who "wake and bake" miss classes and end up highly anxious when they don't do the drug.

Philippe Lucas, a researcher with the University of Victoria's Centre for Addictions Research of BC, said dependency isn't as severe as some make it out to be.

"It's short-lived," said Lucas, the lead author in a Sept. 30 study that found medicinal weed can be a safe and successful substitute for other addictions.

"Normally, people are able to give up cannabis on their own, compared to severe drugs," said Lucas.

Smith said Lucas' comments on dependency are like comparing apples to oranges.

"We're talking about youth here; their cognitive abilities aren't as developed as adults," she said.

Lucas' study — which surveyed 473 medicinal pot users — found that 87 per cent said they substitute pot for alcohol and illegal or prescription drugs.

"Youth still respond differently than adults," Smith added. "It's a huge concern."

Smith said one in six young people become dependent on marijuana, while Lucas said one in nine do.



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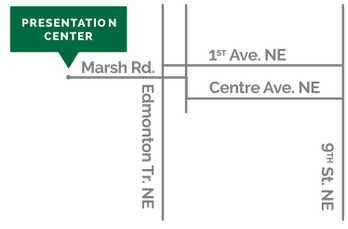
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Mayor releases results of Cities Matter surveys

POLITICS

All responding parties show support for Green Line



Helen Pike
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After two weeks of deliberating, three of four federal political parties have responded to Mayor Naheed Nenshi's "Cities Matter" survey.

On Thursday, Nenshi and his team gathered the results and posted them online, so Calgarians headed to the polls have a concrete idea of where city issues fall for each party.

The NDP, Liberals and Green Party provided detailed answers on questions concerning

Green Line funding, urban indigenous issues, infrastructure and more.

"I want to say that in contrast to previous years and previous elections where we have done the survey, all results that we found have been extraordinarily detailed," said Nenshi. "The parties have really spent time thinking about urban issues."

"If you don't have a plan for cities you don't have a plan for the economy."



Mayor Naheed Nenshi announces the launch of the City Matters Survey Thursday.
HELEN PIKE/METRO

With a sigh of relief, Nenshi noted all of the political parties have showed interest in continuing the funding for the promised $1.5 billion the Green Line, but said each has different ways to bring Calgarians their transit funding.

"We're very very pleased to see that," said Nenshi. "They differ in details, they differ in the timelines, and that's actually a big deal, because the difference between 20 and 30 years is actually hundreds of millions of dollars."

The mayor was not pleased with the lack of response to affordable housing questions.

"They all sounded kind of surprised that anyone was asking about housing, and the answers to the survey reflect that," said Nenshi. "They generally say 'we welcome your suggestions' — which means 'we don't know yet'."

He added although the parties have started to think about it, they need to think a little more.

The mayor said the reason he does these questionnaires is to help people get the public information they need to make an informed voting choice, but also to get parties on record about the promises they are making.

"This is so different than the last time we did this in the federal election where cities were very much an afterthought," he said.

"It's very clear that if you cut away the headline stuff that people are talking about and look at the core elements of the party platforms they all are thinking hard about cities — that's the good news."

> **If you don't have a plan for cities you don't have a plan for the economy.**
> Naheed Nenshi

MORE INFO

Conservatives miss deadlines, survey release

Mayor Naheed Nenshi noted his disappointment Thursday after the federal Conservatives didn't meet the survey deadline and weren't included in the initial release of the Cities Matter Survey — which only included three of the four federal parties.

"You may wonder where the fourth political party is — the Conservatives are very, very late but they do assure us that they will eventually fill out the survey," said Nenshi. "And of course when it comes we'll add it to the list."

Parties were all given two weeks to complete the surveys which explored municipal topics like the Green Line funding, affordable housing, infrastructure and urban aboriginal issues.

During a news conference, Nenshi did speak to some of the Conservatives views on LRT funding, but was unable to give Calgarians detailed answers on many topics without the Tories' responses handy.

"The deadline on this was more than a week ago, and every time we do this parties drop the deadline, it always happens," said Nenshi.

"In the case of the Conservative party it is a bit surprising that it is taking this long. I understand that they asked for several extensions — they've blown each of them so far."

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IN BRIEF

Okotoks named top municipality in Alberta

Once mocked on social media for a tepid tagline on its tourism ads, Okotoks has now won an award for municipality of the year.

The town of Okotoks, just south of Calgary, received the award this week from the Chinook Country Tourist Association.

The award is presented to a municipality that works together to develop, build, promote and enhance tourism in southwestern Alberta. The town attracted a lot of attention last month when its rather uninspiring slogan was photographed on a Calgary transit train and tweeted out.

But an official explained that the catchphrase "There are a number of things to do in Okotoks" was actually a tagline to a larger ad campaign.

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Family of slain woman calls for public inquiry

The family of an Alberta woman who was shot by a former boyfriend in a murder-suicide wants the provincial government to call a public inquiry.

Colleen Sillito-Kruger, who was 46, was killed last Friday in Fort Saskatchewan, northeast of Edmonton.

Police say her body and that of Paul Jacob, who was 54, were found on a driveway.

Her family says Sillito-Kruger was the victim of escalating threats and violence and had obtained a peace bond from the RCMP that was violated many times.

Jonathan Sillito, her brother, says an inquiry would help determine if her case was handled properly by police.

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Calgary carbon firm unveils pilot project

ENVIRONMENT

$9M plant to take a tonne of Co2 from air every day



Adrian Corless looks at the pellet reactor system at the company's first direct air capture plant in Squamish, B.C. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The mountain air in Squamish, B.C., could soon be even fresher with the launch of a groundbreaking carbon capture operation.

The pilot project will suck carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, not from an industrial plant like other such operations, with the goal of turning the gas into fuel.

Built and operated by Calgary-based Carbon Engineering, the $9-million plant will capture about one tonne of CO2 per day, which is the equivalent of taking about 100 cars off the road annually.

Founded by Harvard climate scientist David Keith and backed by big-name investors including Bill Gates, Carbon Engineering has spent several years turning academic research into technology that could be commercialized.

The company will unveil its pilot plant in Squamish on Friday.

The operation has been capturing CO2 since May, but its primary purpose is to prove that the technology can work on a much larger scale, taking in up to one million tonnes per day.

"It's still a pilot-scale plant," explained Adrian Corless, Carbon Engineering's CEO. "But it's very important, because it's the first time that anyone's demonstrated a technology that captures CO2 that has the potential to be scaled up to be large enough to be relevant from an environmental or climate point of view."

The plant works by moving large volumes of air through a piece of equipment where CO2 is absorbed by a liquid solution, and then transformed into pellets of calcium carbonate. The pellets are then heated to 800 or 900 degrees Celsius and break down, releasing pure carbon.

"There's no real magic to it," Corless said. "The pieces of equipment already exist today in very large scale. And we've really adapted them from other industries."

Soon the company will take the technology even farther, building another system that will turn the captured carbon into useable transportation fuel by adding hydrogen from renewable sources, such as solar, wind or hydro.

"It's not something that we were the first to think about it," Corless said. "I think we're just the first to be in position with that key piece of technology — which is the scalable source of atmospheric CO2 — that allows you to think about making a larger scale fuel synthesis plant."

> **I think we're just the first to be in position with that key piece of technology ... that allows you to think about making a larger scale fuel synthesis plant.**
> Adrian Corless

Once that plant is running in 2016 or 2017, it will produce 200 to 400 litres of gasoline or diesel per day, and there are already groups interested in buying the product, Corless said.

The pilot plant could be game changing in terms of reducing the global carbon footprint and it could make the mountain town a hub for green technology in the process, said Mayor Patricia Heintzman.

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CRIME

Convicted killer found dead



Lucie Edwardson
Metro | Calgary

The victim of Calgary's 23rd homicide this year has been identified as a convicted killer.

Joel Gary Geddes, 31, who has been identified as the victim of Calgary's latest murder, was found dead on the 500 block of Evermeadow Road SW, Wednesday night.

Staff Sgt. Colin Chisholm said police responded to reports of gunshots fired around 11:15 p.m. Wednesday.

He said police are conducting an autopsy and the cause of death will be released after it is completed.

Chisholm said police believe Geddes, a two-year resident of Calgary, was targeted.

"Due to the information we've gathered through our investigation, we believe this isn't random," said Chisholm. "The guns and gang unit are actively participating in the investigation."

Chisholm said police are looking for at least one suspect who they believe shot Geddes while on foot, and are canvassing the neighbourhood for information.

Although Chisholm said police wouldn't confirm the victim's criminal history, public court documents obtained by Metro paint a violent picture.

In 2003, Geddes was convicted of manslaughter after beating 18-year-old Morgan Trudeau with a baseball bat outside of a bar in Winnipeg with two other men.

Originally charged with second-degree murder, Geddes took a plea bargain and served 19 months.

Anyone with information on Geddes' whereabouts in the hours leading up to his murder are asked to contact police.

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IN BRIEF

Blackfalds man, 40, faces online child porn charges

A 40-year-old Alberta man has been charged with online child sexual exploitation offences.

Brian Haberman of Blackfalds was arrested Oct. 7. Haberman allegedly travelled to Pennsylvania to have sex with a 16-year-old girl he met online.

Police say a search of computers and electronic devices seized from Haberman's home found sexually explicit photos of the girl.

The investigation was initiated in March 2015 after police received a referral from Cybertip.ca.

Haberman is scheduled to appear in court on Oct. 16. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Registry for vulnerable to assist in emergencies

The Calgary police have a new tool that will help officers deal with emergencies that involve people who have a disabilities.

Called the Vulnerable Person Self-Registry, police said the database lets people voluntarily submit their information if they have a physical, mental or medical condition, meaning they may require special attention in an emergency.

The information would be accessed by first responders through the city's 9-1-1 centre.

Calgarians can register by visiting www.calgarypolice.ca and searching for Vulnerable Person Self-Registry. METRO

Calgary students get glowing report card

EDUCATION

Provincial test, diploma exam results ahead of standards



Aaron Chatha
Metro | Calgary



Chief Supt. David Stevenson said for more than a decade, Calgary Board of Education students have performed very well in the provincial exams. AARON CHATHA/METRO

Calgary students are among the brightest young minds in the province, with exceptional results across all subjects.

The results of the 2014 — 2015 provincial achievement test and diploma exam results were released on Thursday, and officials said Calgary students were ahead of the provincial standard in most areas.

"CBE student results for the 2014 — 2015 are excellent and we are encouraged by and proud of what's being accomplished by our students and by the teachers, schools, staff and communities that support them," said Amber Stewart, vice-chair of the Calgary Board of Education trustees.

CBE students writing the diploma exams exceeded the provincial standards in 10 of 11 subjects. Only in Science 30 did CBE scores fall, about two per cent below the provincial standard.

Students in the Calgary Catholic School District didn't fare as well, excelling in six of the 11 subjects, but falling behind by up to 1.6 percentage points in the other five subjects, which included physics and science.

Calgary Catholic chief Supt. Gary Strother was pleased overall.

"Our kids have done a great job in staying academic leaders of Alberta. We're really pleased at the work they're doing with the help of their parents and of course, our staff."

The Grade 6 and Grade 9 students in Calgary Catholic who wrote the provincial achievement tests in English scored higher than the provincial standard in every subject.

Students writing the French language tests fell below the provincial standard in every area except math.

The Grade 6 and Grade 9 students in the CBE were also above the provincial standard in every area, except Grade 9 knowledge and employability math.

"That's not really new," said Frank Bruseker, president of the Alberta Teachers Association local.

"Kids do struggle with mathematics and that's been the case for quite some time"

Bruseker also noted that provincial and diploma test results factor in only one day of testing, while throughout the year teachers use many other means to measure a student's success.

TRANSIT

Group urges free rides for votes



Helen Pike
Metro | Calgary

A group of Calgarians is trying to get voters moving with the lure of free transit on election day.

In an attempt to improve Alberta's low voter turnout, Andrea Llewellyn and Lindsay Amangea are canvassing councillors to make Calgary Transit free — for democracy.

"We're trying to get a momentum going to get councillors to treat this as an issue," said Amangea. "The populations who primarily use transit are also the populations that have lower voter turnout." As an example, she gave the example of Forrest Lawn, where voter turnout in 2011 was very low.

"It does become a barrier for people if they feel like it's just that much more to get there, and they might not have the extra three to six bucks to get there."

Evan Woolley said he's looking into what can be done to say farewell to fares on October 19. Unfortunately council isn't set to sit again until after the election.

"My challenge is, generally it would take council approval to do something like that," said Woolley. "It's a wonderful idea, and I really tip my hat to these ladies for pursuing it."

Llewellyn said she sees free transit as not only a great way to get people to the polls, but also a reminder to Calgarians, especially those who use transit, to go and cast ballots.

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The Drop-In & Rehabilitation Centre Society wishes to turn this former hotel into an assisted living property. METRO FILE

DI centre's app refused

DEVELOPMENT

Mayor takes issue with requested location



Helen Pike
Metro | Calgary

Mayor Naheed Nenshi said it's the "worst failure" he's ever seen in public engagement.

Although administration vied for an approval, after three years of back and forth the planning commission rejected the Drop-In Centre's development application to change the land use and turn what was once a hotel into an assisted living property.

The DI and community have butted heads throughout the process as the residents feared the centre would turn their space into an emergency shelter — which administration stressed isn't allowed.

"From a planning perspective, this doesn't make any sense," said Nenshi.

He took issue with the location — where there's a Money Mart, liquor store and it backs onto a creek and industrial area.

He cited several reasons, including crime prevention and the city's "complete communities" policy.

Gregory Morrow, a member of the commission, brought forward the motion to "file administration's recommendation for approval" and to ultimately reject the development permit.

"The change of use being contemplated here is going to have a profound impact on the adjacent properties," said Morrow, who was asked by administration to outline the "planning rationale" for rejecting the centre's application.

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The motion to reject the development application passed by a vote of 7 to 2.

"Under sound planning practices I think that the use that's being contemplated isn't compatible with adjacent properties. I think further the proximity to a liquor store for an at-risk population is also incompatible."

The meeting room was stacked full of community members who were there to watch, and had submitted over 120 letters to the Mayor's office and the commission all citing "broken trust" between the community and the DI over the use of the building and also noted concerns in crime prevention.

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REAL ESTATE

Housing starting to trend down in Calgary

Low oil prices and the economic downturn are hurting housing construction in Calgary and Edmonton, says the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

The corporation says housing starts in Calgary are down 29 per cent overall so far this year compared with the same time in 2014.

Analyst Richard Cho said the new data reflects several factors, including a weak job market, fewer people moving to Calgary and more listings in the resale market.

"The decline in the price for oil is having an impact on the labour market as well as on migration, which is having an impact on demand for new homes," Cho said Thursday. "There is more competition from the resale market as well, so buyers have more choice."

The largest decline is in single-detached homes, where construction is down 39 per cent.

Multi-family units, which include condos, apartments and row housing, is down 23 per cent, he said. The Calgary numbers are in stark contrast to last year, when housing starts were at record highs.

CMHC said housing starts in Edmonton are up 35 per cent compared with the same period in 2014, thanks mainly to lots of multi-family unit construction early in the year.

But overall housing starts were down 12 per cent last month due to the soft economy.

Christina Butchart, a CHMC analyst for the Edmonton metropolitan area, said that slowdown is forecast to continue as builders reduce production.

"We are expecting that employment growth will be slower this year and we are also expecting migration to fall this year and next year — that will lead to lower demand," she said.

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Duffy Pruyn was given a medal of bravery at the annual Beyond the Call luncheon on Thursday.
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Celebrating those who heard the Call

COURAGE

Citizens, first responders recognized at luncheon



Jennifer Friesen
For Metro

Like many nights before, Duffy Pruyn looked over at the pond across from his Saddleridge home on July 31, but this time something was different.

He saw the red taillights of a minivan sinking beneath the surface, and as they disappeared Pruyn ran toward the pond, breaking through the crowd that gathered, and dove into the murky water.

"I saw someone struggling in the water, so I tried to get there as fast as I could," he said. "I never gave it a second thought."

Sadly, the driver of the minivan slipped under the water before Pruyn reached him, but Pruyn stayed searching the water until the first responders arrived on scene.

On Thursday afternoon, Pruyn was honoured by the Calgary Fire Department with a medal of bravery for his efforts.

He was joined by 43 other civilians, police officers and firefighters for the annual Beyond the Call luncheon for those who "have gone beyond the call of duty."

Pruyn was surprised to receive the invitation, saying, "I just did what anyone would do," but found himself moved as he sat at the awards luncheon at Heritage Park.

"I looked around the room and saw all the policemen and firemen getting awards and I thought, 'These people put their lives on the line every day,'" he said. "And to be sitting in the same room as them for recognition, it's such an honour — it really hit home then."

Calgary Fire Chief Steve Dongworth said he was "honoured" to join the luncheon, adding that the number of people recognized this year almost doubles the number of last year.

> **They're the first line of defence ... and they can't do it all by themselves.**
> Duffy Pruyn, honouree

"It's amazing," said Dongworth.

"It's very different from our first responders' perception. When we get a call, we know what we're going to. But a lot of these people are on the spot at an instant, they come across something with no preparation, with no equipment, often with little training, yet they still manage to do amazing things. This is our chance to recognize them."

For Pruyn, the recognition "goes a long way," and he said that he was just glad to help out the first responders any way he could.


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CRIME

Search warrant nets vicious weaponry



Jennifer Friesen
For Metro

Police have revealed a fraction of the more than 200 weapons seized from a northeast Calgary home, including samurai-style swords and a bladed claw reminiscent of Freddy Krueger.

Three occupants of the home have been arrested for what police believe is a "fencing" operation, where the stolen property is traded for drugs, mainly marijuana and cocaine.



Some seized weapons. METRO

Staff Sgt. Brad Moore said the investigation was launched in an effort to curb violence in the city's northeast, but "there's nothing to say this is directly related" to the recent gang violence in the area.

"When you look at weapons like this, if you're out in the public with it, there's only one reason," said Moore. "You're trying to show someone you have a weapon, you're trying to prove something to somebody, you're trying to coerce somebody ... and that's really concerning to us."

Moore said police executed a search warrant on Pinelore Place NE on Oct. 1 and seized four modified shotguns and 194 edged weapons and approximately $50,000 in stolen tools.

Tanner Ray Lang, 32, Jan-Anne Marie August, 24, and Mark Lee Gardner, 41, all face charges related to stolen property, drugs and weapons offences.



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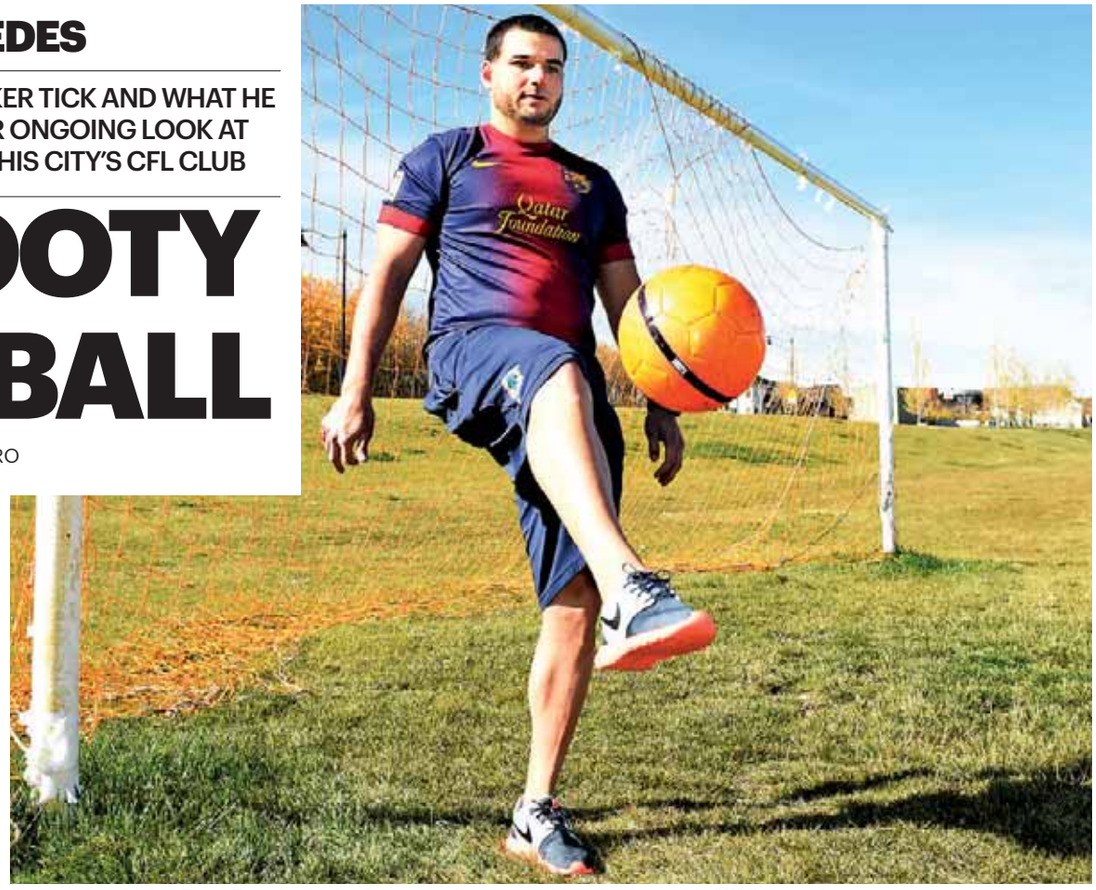
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METRO TALKS RENE PAREDES

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FROM FOOTY TO FOOTBALL

CANDICE WARD FOR METRO



Stampeders kicker Rene Paredes kicks the soccer ball around in a field near his SW Calgary home. CANDICE WARD/FOR METRO

With two game-winning kicks already under his belt this season (both against the Hamilton Tiger-Cats), Calgary Stampeders kicker Rene Paredes is quickly proving himself as the Red and White's clutch player. Always cool under pressure, Paredes talks with Metro about how his kicking career began and time away from the game.

Trading Games

Growing up, Paredes was always passionate about soccer, so it was never planned that he would end up playing football professionally.

"In my junior year in high school, the football coach came to my soccer coach and asked who had the strongest leg," said Paredes.

"My soccer coach pointed at me and the next day, I was trying out for the football team."

Even now, Paredes still can't seem to comfortably make the adjustment to football pads, which is visually noticeable before each field goal attempt.

"I don't like shoulder pads, so I try and get them as comfortable as I can, that's the main reason I do that," said Paredes.

Pre-Game Warm Up

Just like many NHL players, Paredes warms up for each game with his soccer ball.

"I visualize myself kicking and after that I juggle the ball for a few minutes to get loose," said Paredes.

"I find it loosens up my legs and warms me up before my kicking warm-up."

Family Support

Hoping for a soccer star, Paredes' parents have been his biggest support system since the start of his career.

"When I told them I was going to play football, they weren't too happy because I played soccer my whole life," said Paredes.

"But since day one, they have supported my decision, until this day, they watch every game."

Although his parents are still located in Montreal, they make all the games the Stampeders play in the East, and try and make it to at last one Calgary home game.

Off-Season

This off-season, Paredes will be working on getting his mortgage broker license.

"That's something that I'm going to be doing in the off-seasons and hopefully build it up as a career for when I'm done football," said Paredes.

Paredes has recently purchased a home in Calgary and is now thinking about his life in Calgary after his career in football winds down – although he's not planning on that happening any time soon.

Down Time

On his days off, you won't find Paredes anywhere near McMahon Stadium or any football field. During days off or bye weeks, Paredes likes to spend his time doing anything not related to football.

"I relax, and depending on what time of the year we're at, if it's summer, I like to go outside and hang out," say Paredes.

"I usually like to go to Banff, hit a patio to have lunch or dinner."

Lately, he has been enjoying Workshop (Kitchen + Culture).

"I love food, so I love to try new restaurants in Calgary," he said.

LIGHTNING ROUND

1. Favourite sport — other than football — to watch?
Soccer

2. What do you love to talk about, but no one ever asks you about?
Other sports

3. Your all-time favourite Stampeder (past or present):
Nik Lewis

4. Favourite Calgary hangout:
My man cave

5. What's your ideal vacation?
The beach

6. If we turned on your iPod, what would be playing?
Hip hop, Spanish, country

7. What movie could you watch over and over again?
Anything with Kevin Hart

8. Bucket-list item you are dying to cross off?
Go to a Barcelona soccer game

9. Early bird or night owl?
Early bird

10. Beer or wine?
Beer

11. If you never became a football player, what would you have become?
No idea


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HEALTH

Screening device aids jaundiced newborns



Jeremy Simes
For Metro | Calgary

Fewer Calgary newborns have been readmitted to hospitals for concerns over jaundice, thanks to a unique screening program.

Introduced in 2007, the program has meant readmission rates have dropped by 30 per cent, and the number of newborn heel-pokes has also decreased by 75 per cent, according to Alberta Health Services.

Instead of drawing blood from babies to check their jaundice levels, doctors and nurses use a device — known as the Jaundice Meter — that emits a flash of light on babies' foreheads to measure the yellowness in their skin.

If the reading is high, then a blood test might be necessary and, if low, then no further tests may be required.

As a result of the program, fewer babies are re-admitted; with the device, practitioners can determine if their jaundice levels require further attention.

"It saves a lot of money for the system and saves a lot of anxiety for parents," said Dr. Stephen Wainer, the medical director of the Newborn Jaundice Screening Program.

Wainer said jaundice — the yellowness in the skin and whites of the eyes — affects most babies in the first few years of life. The yellow colour comes from a substance in the blood called bilirubin, which is usually at a higher level due to the immaturity of the liver.

He said newborn jaundice is completely harmless and settles without treatment. A small number of babies require treatment, as bilirubin levels can cause hearing impairment, brain damage and death, if not identified early.

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Dawn Racette and Dave Estrella were at Atlas Pizza and Sports Bar, Thursday, watching Game 1 of the American League Division Series. BRODIE THOMAS/METRO

Jays fever has people in its grip

MLB PLAYOFFS

Fake meetings and 5 a.m. shift starts all part of being a fan

Brodie Thomas
Metro | Calgary

It's the bottom of the third inning. The Jays are down by two.

It's also Thursday at 3 p.m.

Mike is seated by himself in Atlas Pizza and Sports Bar in Marlborough Park, wearing a business suit, with a glass of beer almost gone.

"I don't normally sit by myself in a bar and drink beer," he said, gesturing towards the glass.

The former Torontonian asked us not to use his last name. He said he works in sales, and scheduled a "meeting" for 2 p.m. so he could watch his favourite team play their first playoff game in 22 years.

"With technology today, you can work from your phone. It's not a big deal."

And technology works the other way, too.

"I guarantee there are people at work streaming (the game) right now," he said.

Mike is also using his phone to chat with a cousin back in Toronto, who's also watching the game.

He's definitely not worried about not punching time at the office. He watches the regular season, and he can't justify missing playoffs.

"You've gotta watch it now," he said. "It's best of five games. If they lose, they're out."

Seated in a booth not far away, Dave Estrella and Dawn Racette are waiting for an order of pizza. Racette is wearing a Jays' jersey.

Estrella isn't playing hookey from work, but he did have to pull some strings with his boss to leave early. He started his shift at 5 a.m.

"(My boss) didn't mind, as long as all the work got done," he said.

Racette said she was in high school when the Jays last made the playoffs in 1993 and she watched the games religiously then. She's not just jumping on the bandwagon.

"I'm more excited about this than hockey," she said.

"You gotta watch it now. It's best of five games. If they lose, they're out."

Mike, a former Torontonian who wants to remain anonymous because he's playing hooky from work


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MEETING CANDIDATES

Metro gets the basics from the candidates: the elevator pitch of their party's platforms and why they should be your representatives in Ottawa.

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CALGARY MIDNAPORE

1 Haley Brown



Party: Liberal
Age: 36
Occupation: Senior Project Manager

Elevator Pitch:
I believe MPs should always serve the people they seek to represent, and be open and accountable. No matter what portfolio you are asked to manage, you can't forget about the people who elected you in. Their voices deserve to be heard in Ottawa just as much as anyone else.

I didn't come into politics for myself, I've always committed to giving back to the communities I live in. Growing up in Alberta, I worked hard to achieve my goals but I had the opportunity to pursue them. Over the past decade this has become harder for the average person to do. Canada is better than this, and I believe we can do better. I promise I will always work hard for you, stand up for you and be on your side.

2 Jason Kenney



Party: CPC
Age: 47
Occupation: Member of Parliament for Calgary-Southeast, Minister of Defence and Minister for Multiculturalism, Regional Minister for Southern Alberta

Elevator Pitch:
As President of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation, Jason Kenney fought hard for lower taxes and fiscal responsibility. In 1997, Calgary voters first elected him as MP.

Since then, he's been voted "best overall," "hardest working," and "most knowledgeable" MP by his colleagues, and called "perhaps Canada's best immigration minister ever" by the National Post.

Now he serves as Minister of National Defence, while continuing his work with multicultural communities. He hopes to continue serving his constituents in the new riding of Calgary Midnapore.

3 Brennan Wauters



Party: Green
Age: 47
Occupation: Electrician specializing in alternative energy

Elevator Pitch:
Appealing to fiscally conservative voters, I'm committing approximately 2/3 of my personal MP wage to installing solar panels on public buildings in Calgary-Midnapore, thereby jump-starting Calgary's shift to a more diverse economy. Property investment and alternative energy is part of the solution to Alberta's boom/bust cycles.

There is a wide pay gap between MPs making decisions about military conflict and the brave Canadians placed in harm's way. That imbalance must be rectified. In solidarity, my MP wage will equal a Canadian soldier's.

I want to offer unprecedented democratic transparency and engagement to Calgarians: A Canada that Works...Together.

4 Laura Weston



Party: NDP
Age: 35
Occupation: Lawyer

Elevator Pitch:
Passionate about transparency and democracy in government, Laura Weston is an experienced legal professional and local leader who's committed to delivering the change our community deserves.

Raised in Calgary, where she attended all three levels of public education in Calgary-Midnapore, Laura knows the community and its needs. Working as a family lawyer, she has seen first-hand how families are working harder than ever but can't get ahead.

As part of Tom Mulcair's NDP team — and as a powerful legal advocate — she will champion the priorities of middle-class families as a strong, effective voice in Parliament.



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Sheldon Kennedy, a sexual-abuse survivor, spoke to Alberta's mental-health review committee about children with trauma.
THE CANADIAN PRESS

Try teamwork: Kennedy

MENTAL HEALTH

Former NHLer urges child welfare, police to co-operate

A high-profile advocate for youngsters in distress says the key to helping people with mental illness is to give caregivers the means to help each other.

"Police are doing this work in their silo. And (the) Health (Department) is doing this work in their silo. And Child and Family (Services) is doing this work in their silo," former NHL player Sheldon Kennedy said Thursday.

"To me, it's about leadership and how do we make the tweaks that we need to make and commit to integrated practice."

Kennedy, who was sexually abused by his hockey coach, made the comments after meeting with Alberta's mental-health review committee.

He said he is seeing results of the integrated approach to care in his work with abuse survivors at the Sheldon Kennedy Child Advocacy Centre in Calgary.

"Every case that comes in — whether it's (from) the police, Children's Hospital, Child and Family (Services) — gets triaged amongst every one of them every day," he said. He said the changes have helped cut wait times for therapy to one month from eight. THE CANADIAN PRESS

> **To me, it's about leadership and how do we make the tweaks.**
> Sheldon Kennedy

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A new Fraser Institute report pins Alberta's shortfall on the province, rather than the downturn in the energy sector.
THE CANADIAN PRESS

ECONOMY

Spending, not oil, blamed for deficit

A new report from the Fraser Institute claims plunging oil prices are not the main culprit behind Alberta's budget woes.

Rather, the right-leaning think-tank says it's a decade of program spending growth that's to blame.

It says that between the 2004-2005 and 2014-2015 fiscal years, provincial program spending ballooned by 98.3 per cent. But if spending has simply kept pace with inflation plus population growth, Alberta would be looking at a $4.4-billion surplus, it says.

Instead, the province is on track to post a record deficit of at least $5.9-billion on Oct. 27.

The institute says Alberta's new left-wing NDP government doesn't deserve much of the blame, since the bulk of the spending accumulated under Progressive Conservative premiers.

"While Alberta's new provincial government is not at fault for most of the problems ... it is nonetheless responsible for solving them," the report said.

"It is therefore concerning that the new government has already taken actions that will see spending increase further and thereby increase the already daunting projected budget deficit it inherited." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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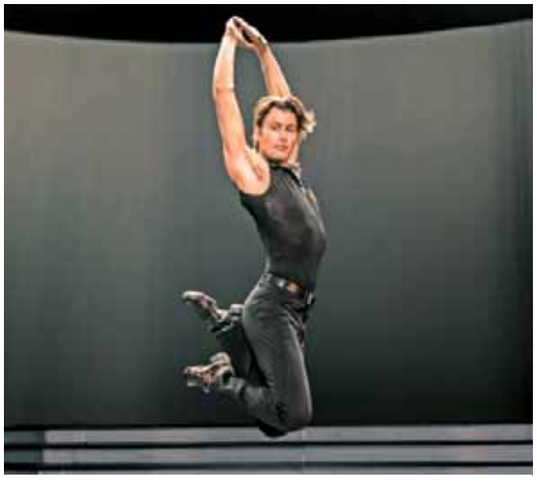
One last Riverdance

SCENE YYC

Calgarian gets final spotlight at Jubilee show



Lisa Wilton
Metro | Calgary



Ryan McCaffrey, a lead dancer in Riverdance, will retire with a performance at the Jubilee Auditorium on Sunday. CONTRIBUTED

Whether it was luck, talent, hard work or a mix of all three, Ryan McCaffrey's dance career got off to spectacular start.

At the age of 16, the Calgary-based performer found himself in London's West End, the youngest dancer in a show called Dancing on Dangerous Ground.

About a year later, McCaffrey was in New York as a chorus member of the wildly successful Broadway production of Riverdance.

"It was a crazy experience," said McCaffrey, who returns to the Riverdance fold for one night as part of the 20th Anniversary tour stop in Calgary.

"I learned a lot in a short period of time. I think I grew up 10 years within one year."

After finishing high school, McCaffrey went back out on the road as a lead dancer with the show for three years before deciding to hang up his dancing shoes and go back to university.

He got a degree in marketing and communications, but then two years ago he received an offer he couldn't resist.

"I got a call from Riverdance asking if I was still dancing and wondering I was interested in coming back for their new production (Heartbeat of Home) as a principal dancer," he recalled.

"It was obviously a big decision. I'd had a partner in Calgary for six years and I wasn't sure I wanted to leave. I was 30 when the opportunity came up and as a dancer you're definitely near the end of your career then. But it was nice that they wanted to take a chance on me."

McCaffrey, who trained at the Irwin School of Irish Dancing, spent 18 months on the road with Heartbeat of Home before returning to Calgary in January. He considered rejoining the show for another leg of the tour, but was hired by Calgary Opera this past spring.

"I felt fine physically to do another tour, but I also wanted to come home to see what was next," he said. "I didn't want to be too, too old to start the next chapter."

McCaffrey is retiring from the stage in grand fashion with a performance in Sunday's 7:30 p.m. show at the Jubilee Auditorium.

"It was a good opportunity to cap off my dancing career in front of friends and family," he said.

MORE INFO

Riverdance runs through Oct. 11 at the Jubilee Auditorium. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster.

BEST BETS FOR WEEKEND ENTERTAINMENT

Friday — Duotang at the Nite Owl
The recently reformed mod-rock duo from Winnipeg returns to Calgary almost four months after their triumphant shows at the Sled Island Music Festival.

The group has been working on some new songs, but old fans will be happy to hear classic tracks from their first three albums, The Bright Side, The Cons and The Pros and Smash the Ships and Raise the Beams.

Friday — Eugene Stickland at St. Mary's University
Esteemed Calgary playwright and author Eugene Stickland will read excerpts from his novel, The Piano Teacher, at St. Mary's University, where he's the writer-in-residence.

The reading begins at 7 p.m., with cellist Morag Northey adding a little extra class to the occasion with her gorgeous music accompaniment.

Saturday — I'll Be Back Before Midnight at Vertigo Theatre
Vertigo Theatre kicks off its latest murder-mystery season with a co-production with Kamloops' Western Canada Theatre.

A woman recovering from a nervous breakdown finds her progress stunted after her sister-in-law comes to visit and bodies start appearing — and disappearing.

For more information, visit vertigotheatre.com.

Sunday — Illuminasia at the Calgary Zoo
The lantern and garden festival celebrates Indian, Chinese and Japanese culture. Large-sized animal-shaped paper lanterns are a treat to see, but there are also several programs and performances to check out as well – dance demonstrations, musical performances, culinary examples, origami and Indian floral displays.

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Wordfest turns 20

LITERATURE

Metro talks to the festival's new general director



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Wordfest general director Shelley Youngblut LISA WILTON/METRO

Calgary's Wordfest didn't start small. The inaugural festival in 1996 managed to snag one of Canada's greatest authors, Margaret Atwood, and since then hasn't shied away from bringing the best and brightest to town.

This year's 20th anniversary is no exception. More than 70 authors from Canada, the U.S., England, Australia and Iceland are taking part in this year's festivities, which kick off Oct. 13 and run until Oct. 18 at Arts Common and other venues.

Metro spoke with the festival's new general director, Shelley Youngblut, about why the festival is for anyone who likes a good book.

Who is Wordfest geared to?

Even though we have a really strong literary history and a literary component every year, we are a readers' festival. My feeling is that anyone who is reading and enjoying books today deserves to have opportunity to celebrate that love and enthusiasm for really good books.

Where does Wordfest fit in Calgary's arts scene?

We're one of the granddaddies. We've been around for 20 years, so we're one of the older festivals around. I think the thing we did this year in a really generous way is collaborating with the community. I see us being part of the cultural conversation. We're collaborating with One Yellow Rabbit, Fluid Festival, the Glenbow Museum and Calgary Cinematheque. I think we do ourselves a disservice if we think of ourselves as segregated.

This is your first year as general director. Did you want to change anything or are you just going with the flow?

That's never been my style. The 20th anniversary meant we could root ourselves in a really great history … I'm also seeding for the future. I really want to celebrate our own.

Any recommendations for Wordfest first-timers?

I think the sort of gateway drug to Wordfest, if you're looking for that event that's just pure fun, I would say go to Literary Death Match at the Legion No. 1. There are three amazing writers competing in almost a boxing match format.

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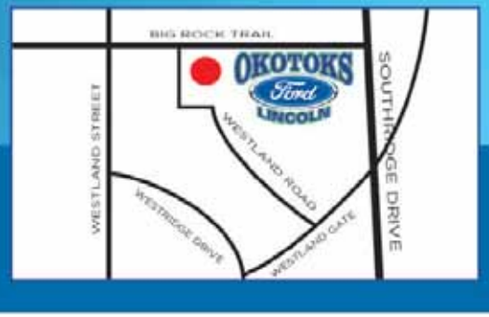


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VOTER PROFILE

Name: Ginny Movat **Age:** 25 **Riding:** Ottawa-Vanier
Her issues: lower taxes, tough-on-crime measures

Most 'sympathetic' to Harper's ideas



ROSEMARY WESTWOOD
in Ottawa

"Prime Ministers only last so long, but I think (Stephen Harper) has a lot left in him and a lot left he can do for the country."

Ginny Movat, 25, is the opposite of an undecided voter. She's only known a Harper-led Canada, and that, she says, is a good thing.

The Conservative-minded consultant and lobbyist says she believes that many Canadians will vote with her on Oct. 19.

"We represent a wide cross-section of views," she says. "I think, in elections, the strongest voices are people who carry a lot of power in this country in the urban centres, in the media, and they are not necessarily in touch with what the average Canadian is feeling."

The average Canadian, she says, is "sympathetic to Stephen Harper's message."

Movat remembers watching the right coalesce into a single party. She later found her political footing debating university classmates who stood to her left.

She favours low taxes: "The idea that the government understands I can probably do better with my own money than they can."

She appreciates Harper's foreign policy: "Canada had a go-along-to-get-along approach, and we were this meek country that had no influence on the world stage," she says. "In the last 10 years, we've asserted ourselves and decided to stand up for what's right, funded maternal and child health care, opposed homophobic laws in Africa, fought for good free-trade deals, and Harper will stand up to Putin and Russia."

Movat also likes tough-on-crime measures and a vision of Canadian society that's pluralistic but draws a certain line in the sand: "I think there's a healthy balance between having a clear set of principles and within that framework allowing for all sorts of different cultures, ethnicities and orientations."

So, on wearing the niqab at citizenship ceremonies, Movat approves of the Conservatives' approach, arguing Canada should be "as reasonably accommodating of other cultural practices as we can" but draw the line "when it comes to basic things like gender equality." But she's also wary of outright bans, including Harper's suggestion niqabs be banned from public-sector workspaces.

Movat also rejects the idea that Stephen Harper is fanning any flames of Islamophobia in this campaign.

"A candidate I've got to know in Ottawa is a Muslim of Somalian descent, and he's chosen to run for the Conservatives," she notes. "He was in law enforcement, he has a young family, he has all these reasons why he supports the Conservatives, and it has nothing to do with his ethnicity or religion."

With the NDP falling in polls, Movat says she's "very concerned" about a country under Justin Trudeau. She worries his leadership will resemble that of the Ontario Liberals, which she described as a "wilful disregard for what things cost, a view that you can bring in whatever ill-thought-out program you want to, have it cost billions of dollars, and when you run out of money, put it on the government's tab, and when you need to, introduce a new tax."

Rosemary Westwood has been travelling across the country talking to young voters. This concludes the series.

Missing women not on the radar

Issue eclipsed by refugees and niqab debate on campaign trail



Tim Querengesser
Metro | Edmonton

Toni Letendre wants to support indigenous families who are seeking justice but also wants to push for action rather than just more studies and more words.

It's a difficult position to reconcile during the ongoing federal election campaign.

Letendre, who helped organize a recent rally for missing and murdered indigenous women and girls in Edmonton, said she's of two minds on an inquiry into the tragic Canadian reality — which has been discussed in the election campaign, though never front-and-centre in the way that refugees and niqabs have.

"I support whatever families want, and some of them want an inquiry, so I support that," explained Letendre, who's from the Alexis Nakota Sioux nation.

But, she added, "I feel that we don't need one."

That stance sets her apart from those of the NDP and Liberals, both parties having called for an inquiry. She is not aligned with Stephen Harper, either; Harper has argued a national inquiry isn't needed.

For Letendre, it's more complicated and nuanced than all that.

"I think an inquiry could possibly help identify what needs to be done, but it's that part, where we collect those recommendations and nothing is being done (that's the problem)," she said. "There's no action going forward. We have recommendations through the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, and what's being done about it?"

What needs to happen? Dollars need to be given to groups such as women's shelters and domestic-violence programs, she said, as well as to education.

The term "missing and murdered indigenous women" entered Canada's lexicon thanks in part to an inquiry asking how Robert Pickton could kill so many indigenous women in the 1990s despite having been identified as a "person of interest" in police files.

The finding: systemic racial bias and devaluing of indigenous women was to blame.

Since then, the nomenclature has been linked to an estimated 1,200 missing indigenous women across the country.

The Conservative government has contended that, because 40 studies on violence toward indigenous women have been conducted since 1994, the issue has already been studied.

That's in addition to 1996's Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples, which studied several root causes of racism towards indigenous peoples, and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's recent report.

Canada can learn from these reports and studies, Letendre said, and, rather than researching the issue yet again, can now act to change it.

But, again, she's torn — as she realizes hundreds of families across Canada need a sense of closure and justice, as well as action.

"It should be grounded in the families," Letendre said of Canada's response.

"What they want, what they need … how do we prevent other indigenous women and girls from experiencing violence and these tragic deaths? There's so many ways that you could do that."

Getting people to care is the biggest hurdle, she said.

"People don't think it's important enough. That's the problem. Not just indigenous people need to stand up and say, 'This is important and we need to do something about it.'"

> **There's no action going forward. We have recommendations … and what's being done about it?**
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Harper barred refugees: Report

ELECTION 2015

Paper says PM's office meddled with applications

The issue of Syrian refugees exploded back on the election campaign Thursday following a report that the Conservatives delayed the intake of vulnerable refugees from war-torn Syria in the spring and the prime minister's office got directly involved in processing immigration files.

The Globe and Mail reported Thursday that the Prime Minister's Office intervened in the processing of Syrian refugees and declared that all applicants referred by the United Nations would require Harper's approval. The file is normally handled by Citizenship and Immigration officials.

But staff in Stephen Harper's office got personally involved in vetting applications, the newspaper reported.

Later Thursday, Harper denied the charge that his office was directly involved in the selection of refugees who would be admitted to Canada.



Stephen Harper addresses a gathering during an election campaign stop. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

"Political staff are never involved in approving refugee applications. Such decisions are made by officials in the department of citizenship and immigration," Harper said at the start of a speech to a Vancouver-area audience.

The newspaper also reported that the intake of Syrian refugees was paused as the government did an audit of the initial batch of refugees accepted into the country. Harper confirmed his office asked for an audit to confirm the government's goals were being met.

"Our government has adopted a generous approach to the admission of refugees while ensuring the selection of the most vulnerable people and keeping our country safe and secure," Harper said.

Harper said his office asked for an audit to ensure these policy objectives are being met.

Still, suggestions that Harper's office was involved in the refugee process sparked an angry reaction from his political rivals on the campaign trail.

"We learned this morning that Mr. Harper personally interfered in order to prevent the arrival of Syrian refugees," Mulcair said.

"That is abject behaviour on the part of a Canadian prime minister. It is a shame on Canada and Stephen Harper should apologize," the NDP leader said during a campaign stop in Toronto.

Mulcair accused Harper of hypocrisy, noting how the Conservative leader spoke with emotion earlier in the campaign about the death of Alan Kurdi, a three-year-old Syrian boy, who drowned with his brother and mother as his family joined other migrants in sailing to Greece from Turkey. They had aspirations of settling in Canada.

"Now, we learn it was Stephen Harper, himself, who prevented the arrival of Syrian families into Canada in the worst Syrian refugee crisis since World War II."

Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau said the revelations were further proof of Harper's meddling and said it was another reason to toss the Conservatives out of government in the coming election.

"We've known for quite some time how this government chooses to act irresponsibly and is constantly meddling. This underscores just how much we need a better government," Trudeau said during a stop in Vaughan.

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Vancouver mayor talks climate in D.C.

ENVIRONMENT

Robertson only Canadian at Washington meetings



Emily Jackson
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First the Vatican, now the White House.

Just three months after Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson met the Pope to talk climate change, his green agenda landed him in meetings at the White House and the U.S. State Department in Washington, D.C. on Thursday.

Robertson attended the Our Cities, Our Climate summit convened by U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and former New York City mayor and philanthropist Michael Bloomberg. He was the only Canadian out of the 18 mayors attending meetings to discuss cities' roles in taking action on climate change in the lead up to the United Nations climate conference in Paris in December.

Embracing clean energy is the answer as cities account for two-thirds of the world's energy use and 70 per cent of its greenhouse gas emissions, Kerry said in an address where he gave Vancouver a shoutout for its goal to shift to 100 per cent renewable energy by 2050.

"Cities have a particularly critical role to play when it comes to climate change," Kerry said. "If we change the way we power our cities, then we will change the way we power our world and in the process we may well save it."

In a phone interview on his way to the White House, Robertson said it was great to get kudos for Vancouver's efforts. City staff are busy hammering out a game plan for the shift to renewable energy, and Robertson expects it to be complete before he heads to Paris.



Gregor Robertson
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TEEN SUICIDE

Review: 'Human error' let down Rehtaeh Parsons



Haley Ryan
Metro | Halifax

A review into how the police and Crown handled Rehtaeh Parsons' case reveals errors from start to finish, but the author and government say this is "not going to happen again."

On Thursday, Murray Segal released his 145-page review with 17 recommendations on how Halifax Regional Police and RCMP integrated units made errors in the case, and no action was taken on the cyberbullying Parsons encountered.

"The justice system is not a perfect platform for providing satisfaction to anyone," Segal, who is Ontario's former deputy attorney general, told reporters.

Parsons died after attempting suicide in April 2013, following months of cyberbullying related to an explicit photo showing Parsons vomiting out a window as a boy behind her gave the thumbs-up. No charges were laid, but after new information in August 2013, two teens were charged with child pornography and later convicted.

Segal said the investigation done by the Sexual Assault Investigation Unit (SAIT) took "too long for a kid and family in crisis," but it was "reasonable" for them to not lay sexual assault charges due to many factors and a seasoned Crown's opinion it wouldn't lead to conviction.

However, Segal said a main error was a junior Crown prosecutor's opinion that child porn charges would not lead to conviction through a "misunderstanding" of the law.

After consulting a more senior prosecutor, who didn't read the whole file, the Crown advised conviction might not happen because it wasn't possible to tell if those in the photo were underage.

"It's human error. It's not an error of sloth or agenda," Segal said.

Provincial and federal laws have since come in that better address the sharing of intimate images without someone's consent, Segal said.

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David Milgaard speaks to reporters at the Calgary Courts Centre in November 2011. BILL GRAVELAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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WRONGFULLY CONVICTED

David Milgaard says public prematurely assumes guilt

A man who spent 23 years in prison for a murder he didn't commit says he is still troubled to see how the public reacts to news stories about crime.

David Milgaard says the first inclination of most people is to assume a person who has been accused of a crime is guilty.

He says the presumption of innocence that is supposed to be assured by the legal system "just completely disappears."

David Milgaard was in Saskatoon on Wednesday to demand action on the way Canadian courts review convictions.

The Association in Defence of the Wrongfully Convicted has been calling for an independent federal commission to review possible miscarriages of justice, which is a recommendation that has been made in five different provincial inquiries.

Milgaard was wrongfully convicted in Saskatoon in 1970 for the rape and murder of nurse's aide Gail Miller, a crime that had actually been committed by serial rapist Larry Fisher.

He was joined Wednesday by Tammy Marquardt, who was wrongfully convicted in 1993 of murdering her infant son, Kenneth. Her conviction came as a result of evidence from Charles Smith, a forensic pathologist who was later found to have botched work on several autopsies, including Kenneth's. Marquardt spent 14 years in prison before finally being released.

Both were in Saskatoon to deliver a talk to University of Saskatchewan law students, in the hope that sharing their experiences would help future lawyers to avoid repeats of their stories.

Milgaard said he comes back to Saskatoon to speak out of a sense of responsibility for other wrongfully convicted people still languishing in prison. "We should always remember that those people are there and they exist on hope." THE CANADIAN PRESS

IMMIGRATION

Actor Randy Quaid ordered released

Actor Randy Quaid has been ordered released by the Immigration and Refugee Board but faces the looming prospect of being returned to the United States as early as next week.

Quaid appeared briefly before the board in Montreal on Thursday for a detention review and was released in short order by board member Dianne Tordorf, who said there were no grounds to hold him.

Quaid has already been arrested once by CBSA officers in May and released on $10,000 bond and a host of conditions by the same board member, all of which had been respected.

"All the conditions have been respected, I find that the offer of release that I made in the past is completely valid today," Tordorf ruled. "I'm releasing you right now because there's no reason to detain you, there is no breach, there is nothing under the law that would permit me even to deprive you of your freedom."

The CBSA's Anthony Lashley told the hearing an impending departure date and the rejection of a pre-removal risk assessment application on Sept. 22 prompted the arrest on Tuesday, fearing he wouldn't comply with an order to leave the country next Wednesday. "This is the position of the agency: Mr. Quaid represents a flight-risk, we feel it's an important one, we feel that the circumstances have changed enough to warrant his arrest," Lashley said, before Tordorf immediately rule that Quaid be released.

His lawyer, Mark Gruszczynski, told the hearing Quaid's arrest was "tantamount to a preventative detention."

The 65-year-old Quaid was informed this week he would be sent back to the United States, where he faces an outstanding warrant and pending criminal charges.

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HERO IN FRANCE

Airman stabbed in brawl

Airman 1st Class Spencer Stone, celebrated as a hero for helping to stop a terror attack on a French train over the summer, was stabbed and seriously wounded outside a bar in his hometown of Sacramento, Calif., early Thursday in what police said was an alcohol-related brawl.

Stone, 23, was knifed repeatedly in the upper body but was expected to survive, authorities said. He was taken to UC Davis Medical Center.

"This incident is not related to terrorism in any way," Deputy Police Chief Ken Bernard said. "We know it's not related to what occurred in France months ago."

A grainy surveillance video from a camera outside a liquor store showed a man who appeared to be Stone fighting with several people at an intersection.

Police said two assailants fled in a car. Bernard said there was no evidence the assailants knew who Stone was.

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Stay calm: Israeli PM

VIOLENCE SPREADS

Rising unrest and attacks by Palestinians raising fears

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu sought to calm Israelis Thursday as a wave of Palestinian stabbing attacks spread deeper into Israel and clashes erupted across the West Bank, vowing to combat the growing violence without alienating international allies.

Netanyahu has come under fire from hard-liners within his own governing coalition as well as opposition lawmakers for not putting an end to the surging violence, which erupted weeks ago over tensions surrounding a Jerusalem site revered by Muslims and Jews.

The unrest began with clashes between Palestinian protesters and Israeli police within the Jerusalem hilltop compound. But in recent days the violence has intensified and a series of attacks by Palestinians, carried out mainly by young people with no known links to armed groups, has shocked Israelis and raised fears of a new uprising.



A masked Palestinian protester stands amid smoke from burning tires during clashes with Israeli troops near Ramallah, West Bank, on Thursday. MAJDI MOHAMMED/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"Israelis are acting with bravery, courage, restraint and determination to neutralize and kill the terrorists in the act," Netanyahu told reporters at a press conference.

"With persistence, systematically and with determination, we will prove that terror doesn't pay."

Israelis around the country have watched warily in recent days as the violence spread away from Jerusalem and the West Bank and deep into Israel. The violence continued Thursday, with four separate stabbing attacks that wounded several Israelis.

Four Israelis have been killed in attacks over the past week. Seven Palestinians, including four alleged attackers, have been killed in the unrest.

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U.S. ELECTION

Murdoch says sorry for tweet

Rupert Murdoch, who founded the News Corp. media empire that includes Fox News Channel, apologized on Thursday for a Twitter message suggesting that President Barack Obama isn't a "real black president."

Murdoch praised Republican presidential candidate Ben Carson and his wife as terrific in a tweet Wednesday, adding, "what about a real black president who can properly address the racial divide?"

In a separate message, he encouraged people to read a New York magazine article about disappointment among some blacks about the president.

Following a backlash, Murdoch tweeted Thursday: "Apologies! No offence meant. Personally find both men charming."

White House press secretary Josh Earnest said he didn't know whether Obama was aware of the tweet.

Carson, interviewed on CNN, said he considered the controversy "much ado about nothing."

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Burgers could join borscht on menu for cosmonauts in space

Hamburgers could soon be debuting on Russian menus in space.

The Russian research institute responsible for designing meals for the country's cosmonauts said Thursday it was prepared to consider them, after the head of the Russian branch of U.S. fast-food giant Burger King suggested that it should add cheeseburgers in tubes, according to the website of the Kommersant newspaper.

"We're not opposed to this possibility, especially if the food tastes good and the cosmonauts like it," Lyudmila Pavlova, the head of the space food division at the Russian Academy of Sciences, was quoted as saying by ITAR-Tass.

However, some of the development team expressed aversion to bumping burgers onto the Russian space food menu.

"Personally, I am against the idea of burgers. It's fast food that is not customary for our country," said Alexander Agureyev, who oversees catering for the International Space Station at the Russian Academy of Sciences.

According to Agureyev, proposals to change space menus have been plentiful since space food began to be mass produced in 2011.

Astronauts' menus are generally made up of refrigerated, dehydrated and canned foods with long shelf lives.

While a variety of ethnic and fast foods ranging from hamburgers to chicken teriyaki are currently available on menus for American astronauts, the menu for Russian cosmonauts has generally featured more traditional fare such as borscht, cottage cheese and caviar.

During the first joint U.S.-Soviet space flight in 1975, Russian astronauts famously treated their American colleagues to tubes of borscht paste with vodka labels jokingly taped on the outside.

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NATO secretary general Jens Stoltenberg said Russia's military escalation in Syria 'raises serious concerns.'
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NATO talks tough on Russian acts

SYRIA

Alliance pledges to aid Turkey if necessary

NATO talked tough Thursday about Moscow's expanding military activity in Syria, but the U.S.-led alliance's chief response to the Russian airstrikes and cruise-missile attacks was a public pledge to help reinforce the defences of member nation Turkey if necessary.

"NATO is able and ready to defend all allies, including Turkey, against any threat," alliance secretary-general Jens Stoltenberg declared at the onset of a meeting of NATO defence ministers.

The meeting, attended by U.S. Defence Secretary Ash Carter and counterparts from NATO's other 27 countries, was overshadowed by concerns about Russia's recent military actions in Syria. On Wednesday, Russian warships fired a volley of cruise missiles in the first combined air-and-ground assault with Syrian government troops since Moscow began its military campaign in the country last week.

U.S. officials said Thursday that some of those missiles missed their targets and landed in Iran.

Over the weekend, Turkey reported back-to-back violations of its airspace by Russian warplanes.

Stoltenberg said NATO had already increased "our capacity, our ability, our preparedness to deploy forces, including to the south, including in Turkey, if needed."

However, pressed about what NATO precisely intended to do to aid Turkey, which shares a border with Syria, Stoltenberg told a news conference the mere existence of a beefed-up alliance response force, as well as a new and highly nimble brigade-sized unit able to deploy within 48 hours, may suffice.

> **They have initiated a joint ground offensive with the Syrian regime, shattering the facade that they're there to fight ISIL.**
> U.S. Defence Secretary Ash Carter

"We don't have to deploy the NATO Response Force or the spearhead force to deliver deterrence," Stoltenberg said. "The important thing is that any adversary of NATO will know that we are able to deploy."

Carter predicted that Russia's support for the government of Syrian President Bashar Assad "will have consequences for Russia itself," adding: "I also expect that in coming days the Russians will begin to suffer casualties in Syria." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ARTS

Belarusian writer awarded Nobel Prize

Belarusian writer Svetlana Alexievich won the Nobel Prize in literature on Thursday for chronicling the great tragedies of the Soviet Union and its successor states through the voices of female soldiers, survivors of the Chornobyl nuclear disaster and former Soviet citizens dejected by the collapse of communism.

Alexievich, 67, used her reporting skills to merge journalism and literature, creating books that have been published in 19 countries, with at least five of them translated into English. She also has written three plays and screenplays for 21 documentary films.

She is the 14th woman to win the literature award since 1901. It was also the first time the Swedish Academy has honoured journalistic work, according to its permanent secretary, Sara Danius.

Danius praised Alexievich as a great and innovative writer who has "mapped the soul" of the Soviet and post-Soviet people. The academy itself said Alexievich was chosen "for her polyphonic writings, a monument to suffering and courage in our time."

"She is offering us new and interesting historical material. And she has developed a particular writing style as well, a new literary genre," Danius said. "She has said many times that, 'I'm not interested in events, the history of events; I'm interested in the history of emotions.' And that's kept her busy for the past 40 years."

Like many intellectuals in Belarus, Alexievich supports the political opponents of authoritarian President Alexander Lukashenko, who is up for re-election on Sunday. Because of her criticism of the government, she has periodically lived abroad but now lives in Minsk, the Belarusian capital. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Study links fallout, disease

FUKUSHIMA

Tests find up to 50 times rate of thyroid cancer in children

A new study says children living near the Fukushima nuclear meltdowns have been diagnosed with thyroid cancer at a rate 20 to 50 times that of children elsewhere, a difference the authors contend undermines the government's position that more cases have been discovered in the area only because of stringent monitoring.

Most of the 370,000 children in Fukushima prefecture have been given ultrasound checkups since the March 2011 meltdowns at the tsunami-ravaged Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear plant.

The most recent statistics, released in August, show that thyroid cancer is suspected or confirmed in 137 of those children, a number that rose by 25 from a year earlier. Elsewhere, the disease occurs in only about one or two of every million children per year, by some estimates.



A child is screened for radiation exposure in 2011 at a testing centre in Koriyama city in the state of Fukushima, northeast of Tokyo. WALLY SANTANA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

"This is more than expected and emerging faster than expected," lead author Toshihide Tsuda told The Associated Press during a visit to Tokyo.

"This is 20 times to 50 times what would be normally expected."

> **"This is more than expected and emerging faster than expected.**
> Toshihide Tsuda

The study was released online this week and is being published in the November issue of Epidemiology, produced by the Herndon, Virginia-based International Society for Environmental Epidemiology. The data comes from tests overseen by Fukushima Medical University.

Making sense of the relationship between radiation and cancer is precarious: it's scientifically impossible to link an individual cancer case to radiation. Looking harder with routine checkups, like the ones in Fukushima, leads to quicker discovery of tumours, inflating the tallies in a so-called "screening effect."

Right after the disaster, the lead doctor brought in to Fukushima, Shunichi Yamashita, repeatedly ruled out the possibility of radiation-induced illnesses. The thyroid checks were being ordered just to play it safe, according to the government.

But Tsuda, a professor at Okayama University, said the latest results from the ultrasound checkups, which continue to be conducted, raise doubts about the government's view.

Thyroid cancer among children is one sickness the medical world has definitively linked to radiation after the 1986 Chernobyl catastrophe. If treated, it is rarely fatal. Early detection is a plus, but patients are on medication for the rest of their lives.

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IN BRIEF

Ancient DNA supports African migration theory

Scientists say they have extracted ancient DNA from the skull of a man buried in the highlands of Ethiopia 4,500 years ago that supports the theory that Eurasian farmers migrated into Africa some 3,000 years ago.

The rare find, published Thursday in the journal Science, allowed scientists to see what DNA looked like well before the time the migration would have taken place.

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Ecuador volcano spewing plumes of ash and gas

Ecuador's restive Cotopaxi volcano has been spewing plumes of ash and gas, and volcanologists say its activity has been on the upswing.

The 5,897-metre volcano is just about 50 kilometres from Ecuador's capital of Quito, and a sizable eruption could affect tens of thousands of people.

The last large eruption was in 1877.

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A boy carries a bag toward a migrant camp in Macedonia after arriving from Greece on Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

EU states eye refugee crackdown

POLICY

Measures include tighter borders, quick flights home

The European Union has introduced measures to buttress its porous external borders and toughen up its migrant return program.

Thursday's initiative aims to build a refugee policy that would embrace those fleeing for their lives, yet punish those seeking economic gain.

Facing their toughest refugee emergency since the Second World War, the 28 EU nations committed to speed up the deportation of those who don't qualify for asylum, adding more special flights out and detention for those who stay illegally.

It all was to underscore one key message: Europe feels overwhelmed and needs to be far more rigorous in sending economic migrants back if it wants to find enough goodwill among its population to continue harbouring true refugees.

"Increased return rates should act as a deterrent to irregular migration," the meeting agreed.

More than 500,000 people have arrived this year seeking sanctuary or jobs. But of those who fail to obtain asylum or residency in the EU, less than 40 per cent actually go back, and all countries agreed that should change quickly.

"We need to see Europe upping its game," said Britain's interior minister, Theresa May.

"If there is no return policy there is no basis for the refugee policy," said French Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve, adding that agreements are needed quickly with many of the developing nations from whence tens of thousands of economic migrants leave in desperate hope for a better life in Europe.

> **If there is no return policy, there is no basis for the refugee policy.**
> Bernard Cazeneuve, France's interior minister

French officials said in the short term, member states must contribute more personnel to the union's Frontex border agency based on their population, wealth and other criteria.

The EU also earmarked more than 400 million euros ($451 million US) in additional funding to tackle the refugee emergency. Most of the money — 300 million euros — will be used to help Syrian refugees in countries outside the EU, including Turkey, Lebanon and Jordan.

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ITALY

Rome mayor resigns, denies corruption

Rome Mayor Ignazio Marino resigned Thursday following a scandal over expense accounts.

Marino said in a letter to Romans that his resignation was not an admission of guilt and he cited Italian law that says he could rescind it within 20 days. The scandal became the convenient final straw in a months-long campaign by opponents inside his Democratic Party and others to force him from office.

Marino insisted he was being made the fall guy for having rooted out corruption and mafia infiltration in city hall.

BIO

Ignazio Marino was a liver transplant surgeon who became a politician a decade ago.

Roman prosecutors this week opened an investigation into Marino's use of his city hall credit card after questions arose about whether he expensed family dinners, claiming they were official business.

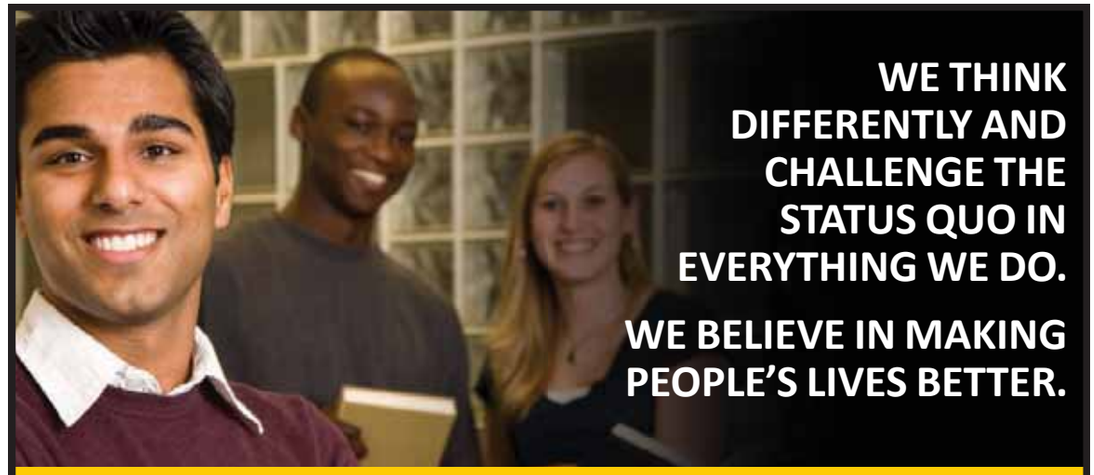
Newspapers documented a half-dozen dinners totalling a few hundred euros where either the alleged guests or the restaurant disputed his version of events.

Marino denied wrongdoing. But as pressure mounted Wednesday, he promised to pay the entire 20,000-euro ($22,600 US) credit card bill back to the city, including uncontested legitimate expenses.

It wasn't enough.

Marino saw his popularity plunge following a series of scandals and corruption probes, most concerning alleged wrongdoing under his predecessor, the centre-right's Gianni Alemanno.

Marino was never implicated and was instrumental in reporting the wrongdoing to prosecutors. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Coral in global crisis: Experts

MARINE LIFE

Scientists say climate change, El Nino to blame

The bleaching of colourful coral is spreading into a worldwide, devastating crisis, scientists say, and they predict it will likely get worse.

Triggered by global warming and the El Nino, record hot ocean water is causing fragile coral to go white and often die, threatening picturesque reefs that are hot spots of marine life, experts say.

The spread of sickly white started more than a year ago in Guam, then devastated Hawaii, infected the rest of the tropical Pacific and the Indian oceans and has now infested Florida and the Caribbean.

On Thursday, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and international reef scientists pronounced it a global coral bleaching event, only the third in recorded history. No place with coral has been spared, though some regions — such as Hawaii — have been hit harder than others, experts said. Excessive heat stresses the living coral, which turns white and then becomes vulnerable to disease.



Bleached coral lies in American Samoa in February. Record hot ocean water is causing the fragile life form to go white and die, threatening picturesque reefs that are havens for many species. XL CATLIN SEAVIEW SURVEY VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"We may be looking at losing somewhere in the range of 10 to 20 per cent of the coral reefs this year," NOAA coral-reef watch co-ordinator Mark Eakin said.

"The bad news for the U.S. is we're getting hit disproportionately just because of the pattern of the warming."

He called bleaching a crisis, especially with worsening global warming forecast for the rest of the century: "If that's not a crisis, what is?"

> **We may be looking at losing somewhere in the range of 10 to 20 per cent of the coral reefs this year.... It's truly terrifying.**
> Mark Eakin

Eakin said he's especially concerned about Hawaii, which already suffered through bad bleaching in 2014.

"Hawaii is getting hit with the worst coral bleaching they have ever seen, right now," Eakin said. "It's severe. It's extensive. And it's on all the islands."

In one part of northwestern Hawaii, "the reef just completely bleached, and all of the coral is dead and covered with scuzzy algae."

Florida started getting hit in August. The middle Florida Keys aren't too bad, but in southeast Florida, bleaching has combined with disease to kill corals, Eakin said.

It has also hit Cuba, Haiti and the Dominican Republic and is about to hit Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, he said.

Warm water causes bleaching, and ocean temperatures are at record high levels, partly because of steady manmade global warming and partly because of the El Nino, which is an occasional warming of the central Pacific that changes weather worldwide, Eakin said.

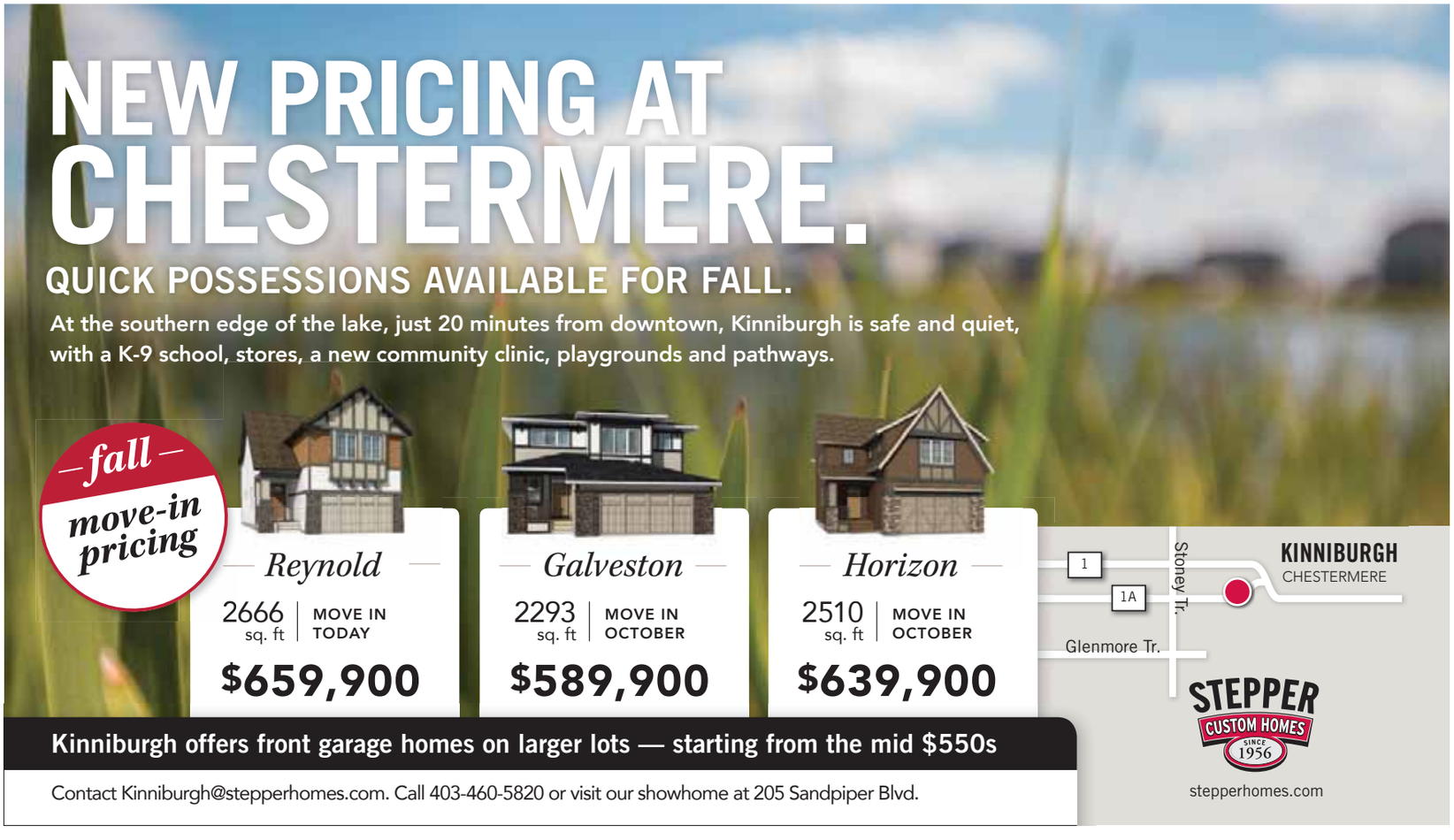
Add to that Hawaii's "blob," a pool of warm water that has stagnated in the northeast Pacific. The last super El Nino, in 1997-1998, was the first global bleaching event. A smaller El Nino in 2009-2010 was the second.

So far the 1998 bleaching was worse, but that was the second year of an El Nino, and we're in the first of two years now, Eakin said.

Oceans worldwide are by far the warmest on record — August 2015 was four-tenths of a degree warmer than in August 1998.

Next year, he said, may be as bad as this year or even worse.

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Opposition lawmakers in Kosovo disrupted parliament using tear gas and whistles on Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Serbia deal protested

KOSOVO

Bloc calls for government to withdraw from agreements

Opposition lawmakers in Kosovo disrupted parliament's session on Thursday, using tear gas and whistles to protest the government's recent EU-sponsored deal with Serbia giving the country's Serb-majority areas greater powers.

The opposition wants the government to backtrack from the deal, saying it endangers Kosovo's territorial integrity. The governing coalition says the opposition wants to come to power through unconstitutional means.

"The agreements reached in Brussels and the border demarcation with Montenegro will not pass," said a joint statement of the opposition bloc of the Vetevendosje (Self-Determination) Movement, Alliance for the Future of Kosovo (AAK) and Initiative for Kosovo (NISMA).

"We will not allow Serbia's return to Kosovo. Kosovo's land will not be given away to Montenegro. The government must withdraw from these agreements."

Serbia rejects Kosovo's 2008 secession, already recognized by more than 100 countries.

Three to four tear gas canisters were opened during the parliamentary session, causing several of those present to seek medical treatment. One of the canisters was opened by Vetevendosje leader Albin Kurti, who later threw a glass of water at governing lawmakers. No arrests were made at the session.

A statement from the government deplored "the violence of a group of the opposition ... from which some lawmakers were injured and asked for medical assistance." There were no reports of serious injuries.

Kosovo President Atifete Jahjaga denounced the "nasty actions of the opposition's lawmakers."

Parliamentary Speaker Kadri Veseli continued the session, inviting the opposition to take part in the debate on the deals with Serbia to "together express our reservations, or displeasure, or support for the Brussels agreement."

> **We will not allow Serbia's return to Kosovo.**
> Opposition statement

"What is happening is not patriotism and it is not helping Kosovo," he said.

Opposition lawmaker Glauk Konjufca of the Vetevendosje party said the protests at the weekly sessions on Thursdays would continue. This was the third straight disturbance.

The U.S. Embassy said some of its staff members in Pristina were among those injured in the disturbance, which it said made "a mockery of one of Kosovo's most important democratic institutions." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

EXTRAORDINARY RENDITIONS

Former U.S. diplomat detained in Lisbon

A former CIA operative convicted of the kidnapping of an Egyptian cleric as part of the extraordinary renditions program has been detained in Portugal and is awaiting a decision on whether she will be turned over to Italy to serve her six-year sentence, a top Italian prosecutor said Thursday.

Sabrina De Sousa was arrested at Lisbon Airport Monday, and released Wednesday after authorities seized her passport, prosecutor Armando Spataro told The Associated Press. "She is awaiting a decision on whether she will be brought to Italy," he said. It was not clear if she was arriving or departing when she was arrested.

De Sousa was among 26 Americans, mostly CIA agents, convicted in absentia over the of kidnapping of Milan cleric Osama Moustafa Hassan Nasr, known as Abu Omar, in broad daylight from a Milan street on Feb. 17, 2003. Even after the convictions, Italy never made a formal extradition request for the Americans in the politically charged case.

In the absence of an extradition request, Spataro said it is likely that De Sousa was picked up on a European arrest warrant s issued via law-enforcement channels after her conviction.

Portuguese authorities said the only person authorized to discuss the case was the judge handling it, but he did not immediately respond to telephone messages seeking comment. There was no immediate word on when the case would be heard. The Italian Justice Ministry did not immediately return calls seeking comment on De Sousa's detention.

De Sousa, an ex-CIA operative who operated under diplomatic cover, was initially acquitted due to diplomatic immunity, but was found guilty by Italy's highest court in 2014. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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LEBANON PROTESTERS RAISE STINK OVER GARBAGE Lebanese security forces unleash water cannons to disperse anti-government protesters who tried to get past barricades and reach parliament on Thursday. Demonstrations over a lingering garbage crisis that has seen trash pile up in the streets of Beirut have grown into a wider protest movement against an entire political class seen as corrupt and dysfunctional. HUSSEIN MALLA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Legislator escapes assassination bid

TUNISIA

Attack takes place near city hit by hotel massacre

Unidentified gunmen fired multiple shots at a Tunisian sports magnate and legislator on Thursday near the resort city where an Islamic extremist killed 38 tourists at a luxury hotel last summer.

Ridha Charfeddine wasn't injured in the attack on a road leading to Sousse, a resort city 150 kilometres from Tunis.

Police combed the region in search of the attackers, who had reportedly opened fire on Charfeddine from a vehicle, and set up roadblocks at entry points to Sousse, officials said.

Charfeddine is a lawmaker in the secular Nida Tunis party of President Beji Caid Essebsi, head of the Etoile sportive du Sahel soccer team and a top shareholder in the Attassiaa TV channel, among other business interests.

Charfeddine's car was hit with at least seven bullets as he was arriving Thursday in Sousse, senior security official Rafik Chelli told The Associated Press. Charfeddine said about 30 shots were fired in his direction.

"Seeing the gun barrel in my (car) mirror, I quickly accelerated to escape," he said in a statement.

The reason for the attack was unclear. However, the owner of the Attassiaa channel, Moez Ben Garbia, has been at the centre of a controversy since he recently aired a video from a Swiss hotel claiming he had received death threats by people linked to two high-level political assassinations.

He claimed to know the identity of the killers of Chokri Belaid and Mohamed Brahmi, two left-wing politicians, saying he would reveal them shortly.

The 2013 killings of Belaid and Brahmi triggered the fall of the government dominated by the Islamist Ennahda party.

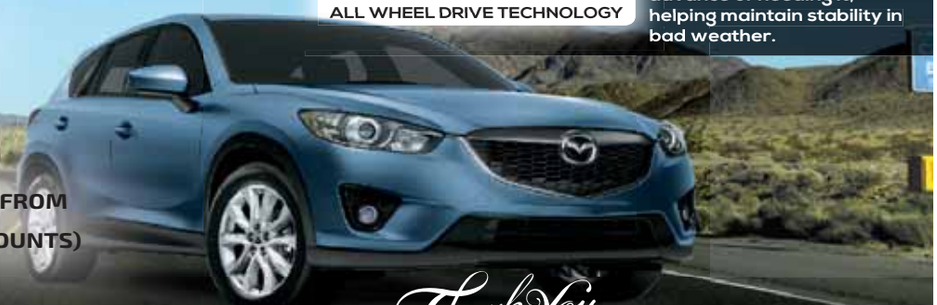
In his statement, Charfeddine refused to link the attack on him to the statement by Garbia, saying only, "Our country is threatened. No one is safe."

Tunisia emerged from Arab Spring uprisings with a democracy, but has been wracked by periodic violence.

The Sousse hotel attack came after the March attack on the Bardo Museum outside Tunis that killed 22 people, mainly tourists.

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Members of Iran's Revolutionary Guard carry the flag-draped coffin of a pilgrim who was killed during the hajj pilgrimage in Saudi Arabia last month. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mecca death toll disputed

SAUDI ARABIA

New count finds 500 more casualties than official number

A crush and stampede last month outside of Saudi Arabia's holy city of Mecca killed at least 1,313 people during the annual hajj pilgrimage to the kingdom, an Associated Press (AP) count showed Thursday, over 500 deaths more than the official toll.

The AP count of dead from the disaster — the worst tragedy to strike the hajj in a quarter-century — is based on tolls offered by 17 countries through their officials or state media broadcasts, saying specifically the deceased were killed in Mina, near Mecca.

That puts the Sept. 24 tragedy, as hundreds still reported missing, even closer to the deadliest disaster to ever strike the hajj: a stampede in 1990 that killed 1,426 people at an overcrowded pedestrian tunnel leading to holy sites in Mecca.

Saudi officials have said their official figure of 769 killed and 934 injured in the Mina disaster remains accurate, though an investigation into its causes is ongoing. Health authorities in the kingdom previously said civil defence officials would be offering any new casualty figures, though no new toll has been released by authorities since Sept. 26.

Authorities have said the Mina crush and stampede happened as two waves of pilgrims converged on a narrow road, causing hundreds of people to suffocate or be trampled to death.

Shiite power Iran, the Mideast rival of Sunni Saudi Arabia, has blamed the disaster on the kingdom's "mismanagement." It also accused Riyadh of a coverup, saying the real death toll exceeds 4,700, without providing evidence to support its claim.

Diplomats in Indonesia, Pakistan and India have said Saudi officials gave them some 1,100 photographs of dead from the Mina disaster. Saudi officials say those photographs include pilgrims who died of natural causes at the hajj as well.

Recent Indian paperwork from the disaster also refers to at least 2,046 photographs of the dead in Saudi Arabia, though its consular officials say some bodies were photographed multiple times.

The AP count of the dead includes totals from 17 of the over 180 countries that sent pilgrims to this year's hajj.

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BACKGROUND

A mandatory duty

In previous years, the hajj has drawn more than 3 million pilgrims without any major incidents. Able-bodied Muslims are required to perform the five-day pilgrimage once in their lifetime, and each year poses a massive logistical challenge for the kingdom.

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TANZANIA

Three charged in elephant ivory crack down

A Chinese woman has been charged in a Tanzanian court with smuggling nearly 1.9 tons of ivory as wildlife activists applauded the move by Tanzanian authorities to crack down on the illegal ivory trade, which has devastated the elephant population in just a few years.

Businesswoman Yang Feng Clan, 66, was charged Wednesday in Dar es Salaam alongside two Tanzanian men. The three suspects allegedly committed the crime between Jan. 1, 2000 and May 22, 2014. Their case was adjourned to Monday.

According to the Tanzanian government, the elephant population has plummeted from an estimated 109,051 in 2009 to 43,330 in 2014.

"Tanzania has been the ground zero of elephant poaching in East Africa for the past several years.... A slaughter of industrial proportion such as this cannot have happened without the involvement of high-profile, corrupt individuals and government officials at the two ports of Dar es Salaam and Zanzibar, and elsewhere in civil society," conservation group the Elephant Action League said in a statement Thursday

The group said that a specialized wildlife trafficking unit under Tanzania's National and Transnational Serious Crimes Investigation Unit made the arrests. "It's the news that we all have been waiting for, for years", said Andrea Crosta, co-founder of the Elephant Action League and WildLeaks.

In February, China imposed a one-year ban on ivory imports that took immediate effect amid criticism that its citizens' huge appetite for ivory has fueled poaching that threatens the existence of African elephants.

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PERSONAL FINANCE

Consumers urged to match perks offered to actual needs



Consumers should cancel credit cards they don't use because even unused cards impact a credit profile, says Sean Gibson, a Royal Bank branch manager. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Air Miles, Aeroplan points, low-interest, no-fee — the options available on credit cards are dizzying for consumers looking to compare their options when shopping around.

When looking for a credit card, experts say consumers should start with an honest assessment of what they need and what they will use.

Those who think they might routinely carry a balance may want to focus on low-interest-rate cards rather than those that offer rewards, because interest charges can quickly outweigh any benefits a rewards card might bring, especially if you only pay the minimum required.

But for those who pay off their balances every month, the choices are abundant.

Sean Gibson, a branch manager at the Royal Bank in Ottawa, says how you plan to use your credit card will drive your choice.

"If you're paying a monthly fee on a card, you better get the value out of it," he says.

If you don't travel much, then travel rewards might not be much use to you, while cash back or points redeemable for groceries could very well be.

> **If you're paying a monthly fee ... you better get the value out of it.**
> Sean Gibson

Travel insurance — including rental-car coverage — can be an option, too, but cards that offer that usually charge an annual fee, something you will have to weigh against any potential benefits.

Gibson says you should consider just how much you'll need to spend to accumulate enough points to be useful to you and whether that's realistic.

"Some people will say, 'Put everything on your credit card and pay it off at the end of the month,' but that requires a discipline that not everyone has," he said.

The Financial Consumer Agency of Canada offers a credit-card selection tool to help consumers compare more than 250 credit cards from a wide range of financial institutions.

The site allows you to filter the cards by feature, picking out just the ones with travel rewards, for example, or sort out the cards that offer cash back on purchases.

Gibson says people should also be careful about just how many credit cards they accumulate because they have an impact on credit profile even if you don't use them and they just sit in a desk drawer.

"If you're not using it, you need to make sure you cancel it," he said.

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Yellow Pages cutting 300 jobs

Yellow Pages is cutting about 300 positions, or about 10 per cent of its workforce, as it continues its shift to digital media advertising.

The Montreal-based company best known for paper telephone and advertising directories said Thursday that the affected jobs are mainly management positions, with about three-quarters located in Quebec.

The job cuts to be completed by the end of November are expected to save nearly $30 million a year.

That's in addition to between $20 million and $25 million in annualized savings from past efforts.

GOING DIGITAL

Over the past 17 months, Yellow has focused on growing its digital offerings, which now account for more than 57 per cent of overall revenues.

Yellow said the corporate realignment will boost its efficiency as it integrates acquisitions and technologies.

Old systems, platforms and processes continue to be "decommissioned," paving the way for the job cuts in the IT, marketing and strategy departments.

However, it will continue to hire to support its digital transformation which has seen nearly 400 positions added over the last two years.

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STREAMING MEDIA

Netflix raising its price by $1

Netflix is betting that most consumers are willing to pay an extra $1 a month to binge on House of Cards and Orange is the New Black. The popular streaming service has implemented another price hike for new customers, its second in about a year and a half.

Canadians looking to sign up for Netflix's standard plan will now pay $9.99 a month.

The basic plan, which does not offer high definition video quality and only permits one stream at a time, remains at $7.99 a month. The premium plan, which offers up to four simultaneous streams with the same login and ultra high definition 4K content, also holds steady at $11.99 monthly.

39%

In a poll of 4,002 Canadians for the Media Technology Monitor last fall, 39 per cent said they had access to a Netflix subscription, up from 26 per cent in 2013.

Netflix last raised the price for its standard service in May 2014, when it asked for $1 more while also launching the basic tier. At the time, Netflix said existing customers wouldn't see a bill increase for two years.

On Thursday, Netflix said standard-plan customers not already grandfathered into a lower price will continue to pay $8.99 until October 2016.

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THE BIG THING: CUTTING THE CORD



It hasn't been a good week for the boob tube. First Netflix upped its monthly subscription fee, indicating that the streaming-video provider expects demand to hold and more people to reallocate their entertainment budgets from old-school television to on-demand alternatives. Then Thursday's leaders' debate was cancelled, making this federal election the first in more than half a century without one on major broadcast networks — an idea that would have been unthinkable even a few years ago. Does this mean Canadians are turning off the tube for good?

1 **Missing the show** Though gathering around a large screen in the living room may soon be a thing of the past (it's more likely everyone will sit on the couch staring at their individual devices), the broadcast audience is still far bigger than any one web video can command. During the 2011 federal election, 10.6 million Canadians tuned in to the English leaders' debate. None of this year's mishmash of debates ran on the largest networks — public or private — though in some cases the video was offered for free. The Maclean's magazine debate, offered on Rogers stations, had 3.8 million TV viewers. The rest attracted fewer than two million each. That doesn't count the large online audience, but it does mean many people were left out, such as the less-than-tech-savvy and those who lack an Internet-enabled device.

2 **Seeing static** A survey of 8,000 Canadians released earlier this year found 16 per cent don't pay for any TV service, compared to 12 per cent in 2012. Experts speculate that the trend might level off when 'pick-and-pay' becomes the law of the land in December 2016 and customers no longer have to pay for packages with channels they don't wish to watch.

3 **On different wavelengths** TV habits differ sharply along language lines, with 23 per cent of anglophones reporting that they plan to eventually toss the TV, compared to just 16 per cent of francophones.

Freer trade and the TPP will benefit Canadians



Ian J. Irvine
For Metro

After years of negotiations, 12 Pacific Rim countries, including Canada, have reached a tentative trade deal. The Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) covers 40 per cent of the global economy. But is it a good deal? Is it even a good idea to trade more openly with other nations?

The second, more general question is easier to answer than the specific one. And the answer is a resounding "yes." Indeed, the benefits of trade come in several forms.

First, there are the benefits of comparative advantage. Canada should export grains and import coffee beans, rather than grow coffee beans in Canadian greenhouses and have other, water-deprived countries try to grow grains.

There are benefits related to a larger scale of operation. In the 1960s, the Canadian Auto Pact permitted manufacturers to ship their vehicles tax-free across the border. This meant that only some of a manufacturer's models were assembled in Canada and some in the U.S., according to their specialties. As a rule, specialization increases efficiency.

Third, we benefit from the diffusion of knowledge. With freer trade, we can get the benefits of research and development undertaken abroad, and new production processes developed in the countries we trade with.

Back in the day, some political parties objected to parts of the 1994 North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) between Canada, the U.S. and Mexico. Looking back, though, no political party would want Canada to revert to its pre-NAFTA trading status. This pact encouraged imports and exports, improved average living standards and resulted in a more efficient economy for all three countries.

As for the TPP, the text of the full agreement has not yet been revealed, so it's more difficult to evaluate. One major objection has been a worry about the distribution of gains — that there might be benefits for corporations but not workers. For example, there are concerns that drugs might get more expensive as a result of longer patents and that international corporations would be allowed to sue governments for infringing on their trading "rights." But if what we're currently hearing is true, the agreement will not be so stacked in favour of capital.

A focal point of concern in Canada has been agriculture — particularly the dairy sector, which is heavily protected. Costs have been driven up by government-created milk and cheese quotas.

These policies benefit farmers, most of them quite large businesses, at the expense of consumers, who must pay higher prices. To make matters worse, higher prices hit low-income households hardest, as they spend a larger share of their incomes on food.

But if concern for farmers is the issue, then critics can rest easy, as the government promises to compensate them for losses related to the deal. And let's not forget about exports. Canada will gain from improved access to markets that are currently protected — Japan in particular — by increasing its exports of grains, meats and commodities.

It's true not every sector of every economy participating in a trade deal can benefit. But on balance, trade deals are not zero-sum games; they are positive-sum, which means all the participating countries, and the large majority of their citizens, should benefit from freer trade.

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Chris Hadfield's star power is losing its shine

Chris Hadfield's gotta be running for something.

It's not prime minister (yet), but it might just be Canada's eternal Space Dad. Why else am I seeing his face plastered across Toronto streetcars? Why else does he give more interviews than Stephen Harper on the campaign trail? Why else does he play music wherever he goes (any politician's "I'm a regular guy" move)?

You know what astronaut you don't have two-to-one odds of seeing on Breakfast Television? Most of them. You know who I don't need to watch making pizza? Chris Hadfield. Other mega-space stars like Neil deGrasse Tyson don't give the BBC's travel page "globe-trotting" interviews. And no, Tyson hasn't guest-edited Canadian Living.

This month, Hadfield is hosting a star-powered "science-themed variety show" in Toronto, which is why streetcars bear his face in David Bowie knockoff makeup.

Tyson, on the other hand, hosts a TV show about space that is not also a pseudo-rock show. And he doesn't compare himself, in makeup or music, to one of the biggest pop icons ever.

What I want from my scientists — even my pop scientists — is awe. Not awe at you. Awe at life. Awe at creation. Awe at the incredible expanse of space, and all its emptiness, and all its populations and all that we do not know. I want you to be a conduit to something greater than humanity, and any human.

Hadfield's smooth transition into celebrity might expand our exposure to science, but not more so than our exposure to the man himself. In fact, in this PR race, Hadfield — and his moustache — is beating the universe.

He's become, to quote a friend, the Martha Brady of astronauts, which is bad, unless ubiquity is, to Hadfield, is good. I don't know what an astronaut's post-space career is supposed to be like, but you don't hear much from Roberta Bondar these days.

"The blast of glory that attends launch and landing doesn't last long," Hadfield wrote in the book he released this year. "The spotlight moves on, and astronauts need to, too. Otherwise, you'll wind up hobbled by self-importance..."

And yet Hadfield appears to be doing everything right to keep the glory going, the spotlight shining, to be, himself, important.

It's not that he hasn't accomplished amazing things, or even that he's not still inspiring others to fall in love with space.

It's that I don't know, when I see his face, what I'm supposed to worship more: Our collective incredible existence, or one, however impressive, man.

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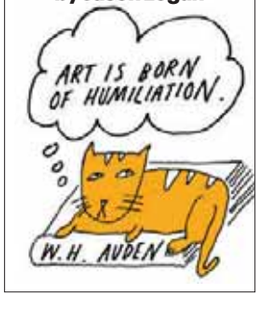
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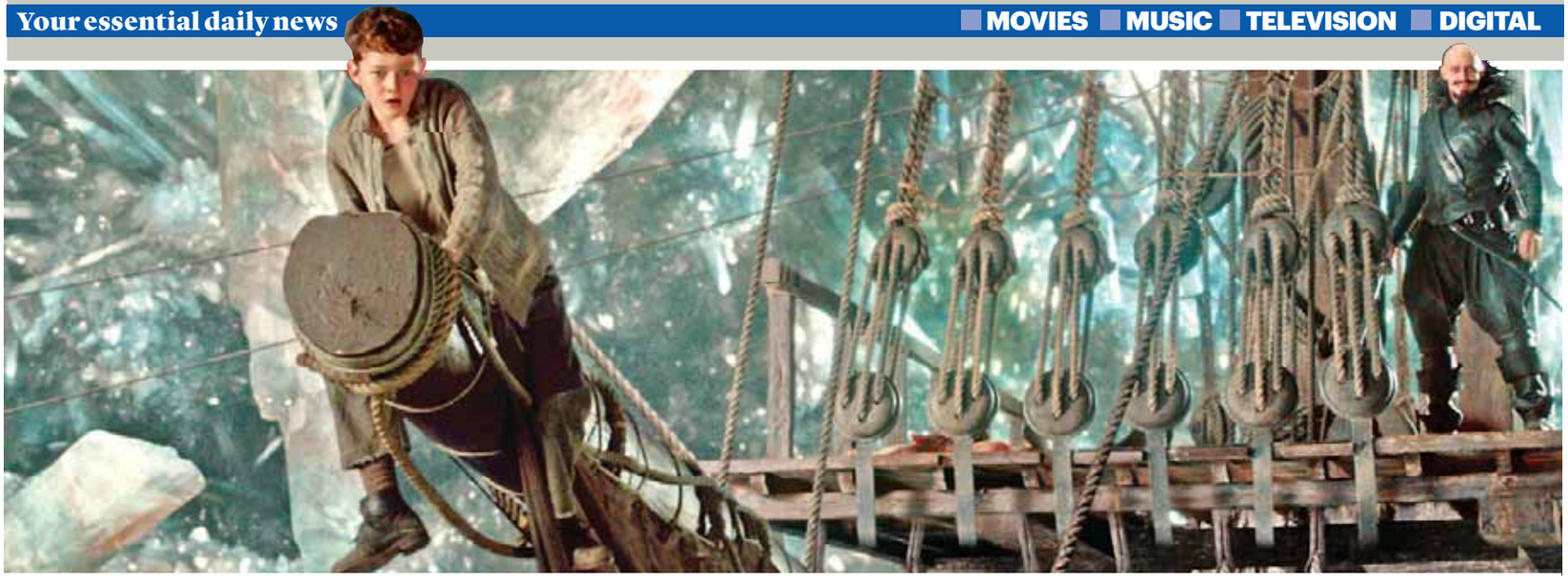
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Pan is the origin story for Peter Pan and Captain Hook and features the dazzling visual work of director Joe Wright. CONTRIBUTED

Pan just more of the Wright Stuff

ANALYSIS

Director turns old tales into sumptuous visual displays

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada



Director Joe Wright's newest film is an origin story for Peter Pan and Captain Hook. A prequel to J.M. Barrie's Peter Pan, it stars Hugh Jackman as Blackbeard, Garrett Hedlund as James Hook, Rooney Mara as Tiger Lily and Levi Miller as the title character.

It's a new take on an old tale, something Wright specializes in.

His versions of Pride and Prejudice and Anna Karenina are classic yet modern takes on their source materials, as sumptuously theatrical as they are emotionally fulfilling. Perhaps growing up with puppet theatre proprietor parents can be credited for his dramatic bent, but wherever it came from, his work is unique and eye-catching and Pan promises more of the same.

Here's a look at the Wright Stuff from his past films:

Set in pre-Second World War England, Atonement begins as an idyll. A rich family with two daughters, the fetching and flirty Cecilia (Keira Knightley) and 13-year-old Briony (Saoirse Ronan), are vacationing at their rural country home. The handsome son of the family's housekeeper Robbie Turner (James McAvoy) is the object of affection for both girls, but he only has eyes for Cecilia. When Briony catches the two in a passionate embrace she is overcome by jealousy. To keep the lovers apart she impulsively comes up with a childish, but devastating plan to accuse him of a crime he didn't commit.

Best eye candy moment: An astonishing continuous five-minute shot of the nightmarish Dunkirk evacuation, complete with 1,000 extras, livestock, and a beached boat all captured in one steady cam shot. "Basically, I just like showing off," he jokes.

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

Pan	★★★★
Knock, Knock	★
99 Homes	★★★
Hyena Road	★★★
Stonewall	★

HOW RATING WORKS	
★★★★	SEE IT
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The Soloist is based on the true story of Nathaniel Ayers (Jamie Foxx), a musical prodigy who developed schizophrenia during his second year at Juilliard School, and wound up living on the streets of downtown Los Angeles. Robert Downey Jr. plays Steve Lopez, a disenchanted Los Angeles Times columnist who discovers Ayers and bases a series of columns on Ayers and his life. Over time they form a friendship based on the liberating power of music.

Best eye candy moment: Wright loads the screen with artful pictures such as a symphony of colour that fills the screen whenever Nathaniel listens to a live symphony orchestra.

Anna Karenina, Russian writer Leo Tolstoy's classic story of love, honour and deceit in 1974 Imperialist Russia begins with a family in tatters because of marital transgression. St. Petersburg aristocrat and socialite Anna Karenina (Keira Knightley) travels to Moscow to visit her womanizing brother Oblonsky (Matthew Macfadyen) and his wife Dolly (Kelly Macdonald). Her counsel saves their marriage but the trip proves to be the undoing of hers.

Best eye candy moment: Every frame drips with beauty, from sets to clothes to Keira Knightley's cheekbones, but the opening is a stunner, presenting what appears to be a stage production of Anna Karenina.

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Hedlund finds his inner child

INTERVIEW

Playing a young Hook in Pan gave actor a chance to be goofy

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Garrett Hedlund doesn't tend to do silly. He does brooding (Tron: Legacy) or laconic (On the Road, Inside Llewyn Davis).

With Pan, from Pride & Prejudice and Hanna director Joe Wright, he kicks things up a gear. The pricey fantasy is a Peter Pan origin story, and Hedlund plays the younger Captain Hook, here given the first name James and not only more of a cowboy — and still sporting both hands — but a good guy who befriends Levi Miller's Pan upon his first, hectic trip to Neverland.

Hedlund gets to act oversized and speak in a ridiculous voice. Considering how much he gets into character, he found it a nice change of pace.



Garrett Hedlund says he's used to playing darker characters, so it was a fun play a goofier role. CONTRIBUTED

I spent a good stretch trying to think what the voice you're doing here reminds me of, and eventually I decided it was John Huston. Am I even in the ballpark?

I have a funny story about that. When I first met with Joe, we talked about how Hook would sound. He saw Hook as someone who would have been out of a John Ford film — who would have been happy if he wasn't in Neverland, but on a horse on a prairie. But when I first met with him, I thought about when I was doing Troy. Peter O'Toole (his co-star), I was so fascinated by him and so in awe of working with Peter O'Toole. He would come up to me and say, (slips into spot-on O'Toole voice) "Garrett, my boy…" I think I was trying to do some of that. And Joe said, " It's wonderful! It's like a classic old American!" And I just kept my mouth shut. It's toned down, watered down. If I was to say I was just doing Peter O'Toole people would say, "You are a horrible actor."

Peter O'Toole is not a bad meet for your first big film.

I was given The Ruling Class, with Peter, by Brian Cox (another co-star) to watch. He said, "You'll get a kick out of this because Peter's dancing around, flamboyantly prancing through this field. You'd get a kick out of seeing him then versus now." Peter would be smoking a cigarette and walking up the stairs, and somebody would say, "Peter, do you ever think about quitting smoking?" He'd say, "Maybe I should quit stairs."

Do you tend to watch a lot of movies?

I grew up watching Bonanza and stuff like that. It wasn't films. We had one movie theatre in our town that played one movie every weekend, and it was really behind on the times. I think Men in Black II is just coming out now in my town. My dad would spend money on trying to provide for his kids, so that didn't include paying for films. Because you could watch it on television.

James Hook is a bit of a departure for you. He's a lot goofier than your previous roles.

I've never played a character who's so big and projective. I've done films that are quite stressful. Usually we're on sets and everyone's stressed-out and you're playing the darker character. You have an abusive father or you've lost family members or someone's about to die. You can't eat or sleep. Joe and I wanted the material to have a darker side, but we still managed to have a lot of fun with it. He and I were laughing so hard, saying, "Wouldn't this be great to film a whole movie where we're having a ball and relaxing and not stressing and feeling like a kid again?"

At the same time it does get pretty dark, which is especially notable now, when children's films tend to be sanitized. Kids die, there's a scary orphanage out of Dickens and other assorted weirdness.

Joe had said that before we started filming he had a two-and-a-half-year-old son who was having night terrors. He didn't know how to remedy it. He said that would like to make this film as dark as it can be to show kids that no matter how frightening your fears, you overcome them.

The idea, especially now, seems to be not to talk about it. But dark films for children almost certainly help them cope with real fears. And I say this as someone with no children, so I honestly have no idea what I'm talking about.

Me neither. We're in the same boat. But Tiger Lily's outfit was really inspired by his son, and the fight scene on the trampoline was inspired by his son. Because his son loved this trampoline. It's wonderful to be part of a film where so many aspects were inspired by this young boy. Levi (Miller, who plays Peter) was 11 while doing this, and it was just awesome to see a kid who has never been on a film set before and getting to do things that any could dream of. It really reminded you to loosen up a bit, that life's short, let's have fun.

You've talked in the past of writing a lot — including poetry — while on set. Do you still do that? Did you write anything while making Pan?

I would sit in Primrose Hill, and down the street you'd always see the plaques outside: Sylvia Path wrote The Bell Jar over there, and a philosopher did this over here. I wrote a few poems, and they were kind of in the realm of what this film is dealing with. While we were rehearsing, Joe asked Levi to read one of them. He read it and it was a really beautiful moment. That was really about it.

But I continue to do it, only because when we're traveling we always find ourselves in a hotel somewhere, eating a club sandwich, getting to see lands that a lot of our family and friends don't get to see, getting to meet wonderful people all over the globe. I really just write so I don't forget. When I write sometimes I'll think it's just s—. A year or two later I'll read them and think, "Why did I stress so much?" That completely takes you back to that moment.

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Director Paul Gross goes back to war

FILM

Soldiers' stories fuel Afghan conflict tale Hyena Road

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada

Paul Gross didn't plan on directing two war movies back-to-back; that's just the way it turned out.

"I don't know what I was thinking," he says with a laugh.

Seven years ago his film Passchendaele, a hybrid of romance and war based around the gruelling 1917 battle of the same name, was the highest-budgeted Canadian-produced film ever.

That film was based on the experiences of his maternal grandfather, Michael Joseph Dunne, who served in the First World War.

Hyena Road was born out of Gross's own experiences after visiting Canadian troops in Afghanistan.

"I was mesmerized by the complexity of it and it was nothing like I had been told by the press, let alone our government," he says.

"I thought I should go back with a camera team because they were talking about pulling out of combat operations. I didn't have a story in mind or the intention of making anything, I just thought it would be a good idea to film it."

Returning with a modest crew, he shot footage and had long conversations with the soldiers.

"I would pick various guys and jot down their stories. Out of that the story emerged. Nothing in it is actually mine. The assembly of it is mine. That includes the characters. All the characters are based on people I met or composites of people I met."

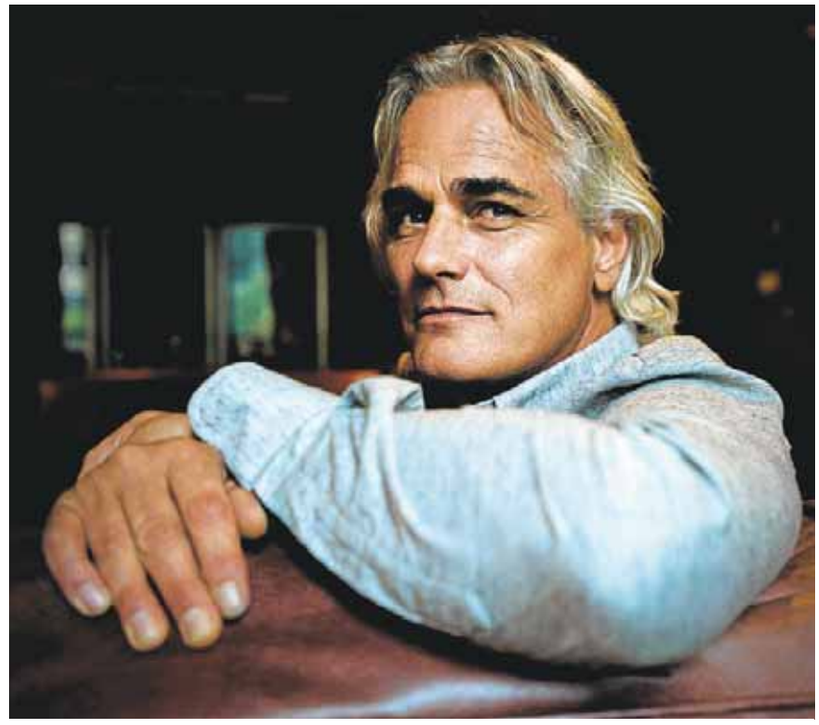
He says the story of a young Canadian sniper (Rossif Sutherland) struggling with the ambiguity of the missions his superiors (Gross and Christine Horne) are sanctioning was "written by the soldiers in a sense."

> **All the characters are based on people I met.**
> Paul Gross

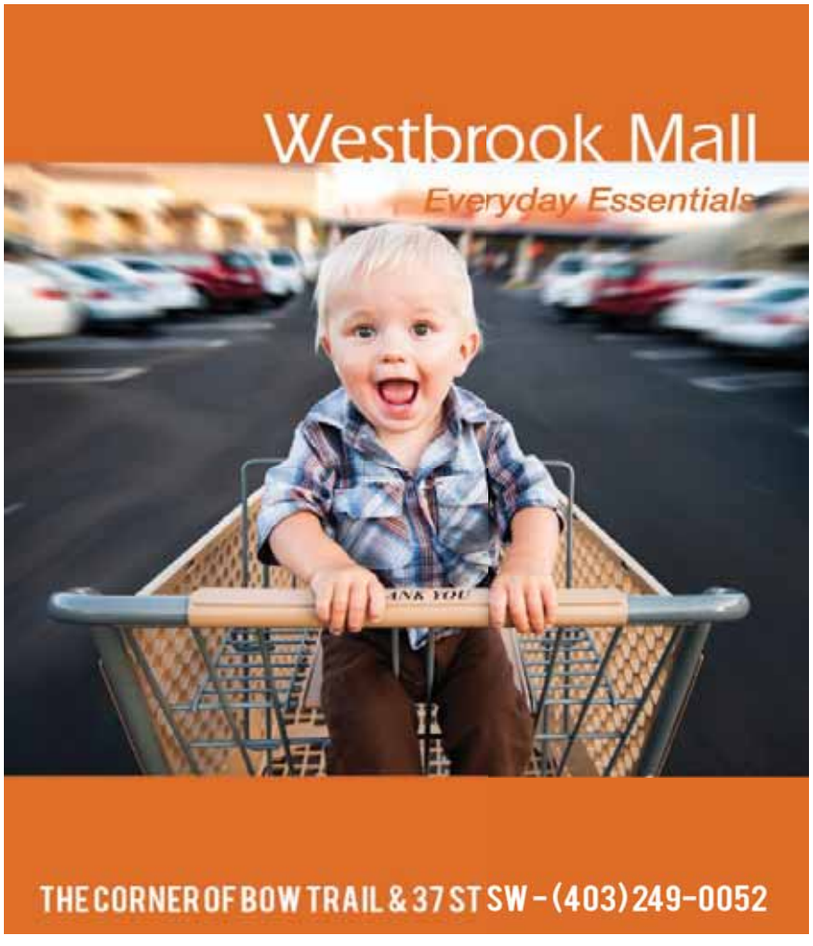
"I finished the script and gave it to my producing partner Niv Fichman and he was just furious. He said, 'Why did you have to do another war film?' Then he read the script and said, 'Damn you, it's good. Now we have to make it.'"

Gross, who stars and directs, blended the film he shot in Afghanistan with locations in Jordan to create a seamless look at a very complex subject. "I look at Hyena Road and think, 'This sort of the polar opposite of Passchendaele in terms of a war film.' Passchendaele was partly the way it was because it was the bridge between the romantic period and the modern era.

"I think Hyena Road is post-modern in that the nature of warfare contains almost no romanticism anymore. It's very complicated. As one of the characters says in it, 'There's no winning, there's just an end state.'"



Hyena Road is a passion project for Paul Gross, who wrote, directed and stars in the movie about a Canadian sniper fighting in the Afghan war. THE CANADIAN PRESS




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He Named Me Malala

Director: Davis Guggenheim
Starring: Malala Yousafzai

He Named Me Malala is an intimate portrait of Malala Yousafzai, who was wounded when Taliban gunmen opened fire on her in Pakistan's Swat Valley. Yousafzai has since emerged as a leading campaigner for the rights of children worldwide.

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Winona forever a Sarah Polley fan

MOVIE REDUX

Actress thrilled that filmmaker may remake Little Women

There's chatter all over the Internet about a possible Beetlejuice sequel, but Winona Ryder is consumed with news that Sarah Polley is tackling a reboot of Little Women.

The actress erupts with elation upon hearing that the Toronto-based filmmaker has been writing a fresh big screen adaptation of the Louisa May Alcott novel.

There's no word yet on a director, but Ryder says she'd love to see Polley get behind the lens. It turns out she is a big fan.

"You have no idea, she is amazing. Oh my God. I don't know her personally but I've been a diehard fan of hers both as an actress and filmmaker," Ryder says in a recent interview to promote her latest film, Experimenter, out Oct. 16 on VOD and iTunes as well as playing in select theatres.

"I wish there was a role for me in it but there really isn't. Well, I could be Marmee, I suppose. Marmee in the book — the mom — was my age. I'm turning 44."

Ryder starred in the 1994 film as one of four sisters coming of age in the wake of the U.S. Civil War. Susan Sarandon played Marmee in that film.



So wouldn't it be weird to appear in a new interpretation decades later? Not if Polley is involved, says Ryder. "I'd do anything for her," Ryder declares. "If it was her, I'd do it in a heartbeat."

Ryder says her favourite films from the child actress-turned-writer/director include the heart-wrenching Alzheimer's story Away From Her and Polley's intensely personal documentary Stories We Tell.

The Reality Bites star can claim to be partially Canadian herself, since her left-leaning parents moved to Vancouver years ago when Republican president George W. Bush was re-elected in 2004. "They were like the only people who actually did that," she chuckles. "A lot of people threatened (to move) but they did. I couldn't believe it."

To their chagrin, Canada elected a Conservative government less than a year and a half later.

As for Beetlejuice, Ryder says she knows little about a possible resurrection.

But she says there is a script, her character Lydia is included, and that original director Tim Burton seems keen to revisit the ghostly comedy. But nothing has been confirmed, she stresses."It looks like it's going to happen but I don't really know much more."

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The girl behind the famous name

FILM

Director sees the ordinary in the extraordinary Malala Yousafzai

Steve Gow
For Metro Canada



It was early on when Oscar-winning filmmaker Davis Guggenheim realized the way into the incredible tale of Malala Yousafzai, the youngest-ever Nobel Peace Prize winner, was to show her bashfully googling images of tennis pro Roger Federer and scrapping with her younger brothers.

"It's dangerous to look at these people as superheroes," said the director about the cinematic subject of his latest movie, He Named Me Malala. "She is an ordinary girl. She became more extraordinary by making a choice so if you see it that way, all of us can be extraordinary by the choices we make."

> **I feel like as a documentarian, I'm a midwife. I'm helping them to tell their story and I find that very inspiring. Suddenly, I get to know these people.**
> Davis Guggenheim

For Yousafzai, that choice was quite literally life-altering. Living in Afghanistan, the 15-year-old was shot by the Taliban simply for going to school.

After surviving the assassination attempt, the experience emboldened her to speak out even louder as an ambassador for girls' rights — advocating her cause in front of Ivy League graduates and world leaders.

"Next to having children and raising my own kids, it's been by far the best experience of my entire life," said Guggenheim of meeting Yousafzai. And that's saying a lot. After all, Guggenheim has filmed the likes of U2 (From The Sky Down) and former U.S. vice-president Al Gore (An Inconvenient Truth).

"I didn't know what I was getting into," admitted Guggenheim, who met Yousafzai by simply knocking on her family's door.

"I was with her when she spoke at the UN and I was with her when she was at the Syrian border (welcoming) these refugees who had spent all night going across the border. In some cases she's like this superstar, and other cases she's just an ordinary girl and she's much more comfortable there."

But as stunning as Yousafzai's life story is, He Named Me Malala is more than just a biopic. Like his Academy Award-winning film An Inconvenient Truth, Guggenheim is hoping the movie will inspire a movement for the international right to girls' education.

"There's 66 million girls who are out of school; 66 million girls who have similar stories to Malala and to her, that's her mission," said Guggenheim. "It's very exciting to make a movie that not only is a great experience but can possibly change people's minds."

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The film is tied into The Malala Fund, which aims to ensure every girl has access to quality education. For more information, visit malala.org.



Malala Yousafzai speaks with director Davis Guggenheim in Birmingham, England, during the filming of the documentary He Named Me Malala.
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THE BLEEDER

Schreiber, Watts to co-star in boxing biopic

Underdog pugilist Chuck Wepner holds the distinction of being the third man to floor Muhammed Ali; Liev Schreiber and Naomi Watts are to tell his tale in The Bleeder.

Merely two months of full-time training preceded the semi-pro's 1975 Heavyweight title fight with Ali; ex-Marine Wepner surprised the boxing world when he knocked Ali down with a right to the ribs.

Philippe Falardeau is in place to direct — he of schoolteaching comedy drama Monsieur Lazhar and Kansas refugee drama The Good Lie. Liev Schreiber of Ray Donovan, Pawn Sacrifice and the upcoming Spotlight is to play the durable Wepner, while his wife will be played by Naomi Watts. AFP

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Director defends Stonewall film

Q&A

Loose take on pivotal LGBT event has drawn furious criticism

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With Stonewall, director Roland Emmerich steps out of the blockbuster disaster world that made him famous (Independence Day, 2012) and into a much smaller film playground, telling the story of the 1969 Stonewall riots, a turning point in the gay-rights movement.

But he's found himself in something of a real-life disaster as LGBT activists, and critics have been very vocal about the film's alterations to history — primarily the insertion of Danny (Jeremy Irvine), a fictional rural white character who comes to New York just before the riots and offers the central perspective on events.

Here, in his own words, Emmerich defends his decisions in presenting this piece of history.



Danny (Jeremy Irvine) plays the central role in director Roland Emmerich's Stonewall, much to the chagrin of LGBT activists and critics who have decried the film's depiction of history. HANDOUT

This is the first time you've addressed LGBT issues in your films. Why now?
First, when I was a young director I didn't want to be called gay because I wanted to make big movies. Then when I came to America, I realized that there's gay filmmakers making big films, so I can come out openly now.... So I was relatively late coming out — I was 33 or so — publicly. And then what happened was people constantly kept saying to me, "You should do a gay movie," because now they knew that I'm gay.... And then at one point these two producers came to me and said, "What about Stonewall?" And I said, "Somebody should make a movie about that!"

How concerned were you with getting all the historical details right — what you change, what you don't?
I'm always relatively courageous there because I'm always saying, "It has to make sense as a story." As long as I get the feeling right, you know?

For me, it was very rewarding because we showed it to the Stonewall veterans... and when they came out of the film they said, "Oh my God, this is very, very realistic."

There's already controversy over having the fictional Danny character throw the first brick, though.
Well, there's all kinds of theories about that. First of all, most of them were cobblestones. But we chose a brick because there was one black, very effeminate kid who always had a brick in her handbag, and when she wanted to have something she threw it through the window and grabbed that article of clothing she wanted to have. And that for us was a storyline where a kid comes from the countryside, is totally shocked by what's happening — they steal, they do these kinds of things — and then naturally in the riot, this kid who's always kind of way too nice, but because of jealousy and just frustration he's the one who throws the brick.... It's always great for me when the most unlikely character does something.

But do you understand why people are upset about that choice?
A lot of people will be upset. I knew this before I made the film. But nobody knows really, for sure, who did what when.... The only thing we really know is that transgender people fought the hardest, but there were not only transgender people, and we show that....
Ray (Jonny Beauchamp) is kind of in the centre of the story and is this transgender Puerto Rican. And we have a black transgender person, too.... But we're storytellers. I'm not a documentarian. I'm not making a documentary. It's how I see a certain historical event. It's artistic expression.


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Horror auteur back with two new films



"I always cry bulls— in movies when every character's likable... I don't believe characters who never say anything offensive... People don't talk that way," says director Eli Roth. HANDOUT

Q&A

Eli Roth and wife on acting and writing honest roles

Matt Prigge
Metro | New York



Thanks to some distribution migraines, American moviegoers are getting two Eli Roth movies in the space of a few weeks — which are also the first two features he's directed himself since Hostel: Part II back in 2007.

The Green Inferno, just released after first hitting festivals two years ago, is his cannibal movie, while the new Knock Knock is something comparatively nicer: a mere psychological thriller. Roth's real-life wife, Lorenza Izzo, stars in both, in the latter as one of two young women (the other played by Ana de Armas) tormenting a middle-aged dad (Keanu Reeves), who's home alone when they show up. Both Roth and Izzo came to New York to talk about things not always associated with his horror films: his wanting to evolve into an actor's director and honesty in relationships.

Knock Knock is especially focused on the performances. At times it's like a play.
Roth: They're the first movies I directed post-Inglourious Basterds. I really learned so much from Quentin (Tarantino) while working as an actor. I wanted to show I was an actor's director. In my previous films I wanted the gore and the kills to be spectacular, and they often overshadow the performances of the actors. But I think the acting is what makes those things work. Heather Matarazzo's performance in Hostel II — that's why that scene is effective. In The Green Inferno I wanted to make a film that looked different from my other films. It's really a jungle adventure. In the video store you could put it on the horror shelf, but it also belongs with Apocalypto and Werner Herzog's Fitzcarraldo and Aguirre: The Wrath of God — as well as, obviously, Umberto Lenzi and Ruggero Deodato films, like Cannibal Holocaust. But then Knock Knock, after all the blood in The Green Inferno, I really wanted to make a very controlled film that was tense but without a drop of blood. [**Ed. note**: For the record, there's a tiny amount of blood in it.] It was about the performances.

Lorenza and Ana's characters are essentially always acting. It's hard to find the real them.
Izzo: She's acting on top of acting on top of acting. She has several different masks. She puts on whichever one she needs, like if she needs to use sexuality to get what she wants. But I also thought of her as a real person, a very troubled girl. It was important for her to be a grounded human being. We'll all do that. We all have masks for different people and different parts of society, especially with men.

It's not always obvious what Keanu's character does to deserve his fate, but he's not a just a good guy.
Roth: He's a guy who has two kids, a wife, his own business. He's successful, he lives in a gated community. He's safe; his home is a castle. But if you go back and look at it, he's someone who has put himself second to everyone else. He puts his wife before his career. He wants to have sex and she doesn't. Instead of confronting her about it he does a monster voice. It's Father's Day, but it's all about her, her gallery show. They had plans to go to the beach, but he has to work. Instead of cancelling it they go without him. And it all causes frustration. All these things he thinks are cool — his records, his long hair, his architecture — they were cool 20 years ago. And here comes these two girls saying, "We love your records, we love your hair." They treat him as a sexual being. And he's like, "You know what? F— it. I'm going to f—ing do this."

The film allows the viewer to decide if he deserves it or not, or somewhere in between.
Izzo: Whoever you blame says a lot about you. If you say, "Oh, I think it's the wife's fault," that's revealing. They're such honest characters. They're not overexplaining anything.

There's a part at the end where one of the characters vandalizes an object in the house, writing in graffiti, "Art is not real." That's a good way to taunt your detractors.
Roth: Art is art, but is art the value itself or the value we place on it? I've been in a position like that. With Hostel, in France, Cahiers du Cinema puts it as one of the best American films of the decade. And in America the New York Times lists it as pornographic art. So which is it? I love the idea of saying that all art doesn't exist and it's all bulls—t.


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Zemeckis talks The Walk

Q&A

Director says CGI will change acting in the future

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The Walk is aided by digital enhancements in telling the story of tight-rope walker Philippe Petit. HANDOUT

You don't ask Robert Zemeckis about themes and ideas.

What the filmmaker — of Back to the Future, Who Framed Roger Rabbit, Forrest Gump and now The Walk — most likes to talk about is the technical side. (J. Hoberman has said the filmmaker was even oblivious to the Oedipal subtext — really, the text — in Back to the Future).

He was an early embracer of digital effects and hot new technologies, and even dramas like Flight tend to feature extensive use of subtle CGI.

Still, he maintains that he doesn't do films to do tech; it's the stories that grab him, with digital effects employed as a tool to flesh them out.

With The Walk, he tells a story already told in the acclaimed doc Man on Wire: how French acrobat Philippe Petit (played by Joseph Gordon-Levitt) covertly strung a tightrope between the Twin Towers in 1974 and strolled across them.

But he marshals the forces of first-rate tech to put us up there with him as he struts 110 stories above the ground.

Could you make The Walk without relying on CGI?

I don't even know how you'd do it at all. I guess you could use miniatures. Back in the old days you'd use miniatures and process screens. It certainly would have been very limiting.

Some of the CGI in this film is about recreating things that no longer exist. You create the World Trade Center both from the outside and the inside. This seems ... not cheaper.

Just because it's digital doesn't mean it costs nothing. You have to understand that. People can say things like, "Oh, a microphone dropped into the shot, screw it, move on, we'll paint it out later." Well, that costs money. Or, "Oh, gee, I made a mistake on the colour of the actor's tie. I'm going to change it from red to green." To do that in every shot costs money. Filmmakers have to be careful that they don't get sloppy, figuring they can change everything — which they can. But it costs money. To answer your question, basically you build what you need. So you build what the actors are going to touch, and you do a set extension. Sometimes it's cheaper to build more stuff, sometimes it's cheaper to build stuff virtually. It's always a trade-off. Obviously it's more difficult and more expensive to create photo-realistic reality.

Doing s— in outer space, nobody knows what it looks like. Aliens, anybody can do aliens, because nobody knows what they look like. It's hard to do humans.

Even in the dramatic scenes, such as in Paris, there's a lot of digital manipulation.

We shot Paris in Montreal, so in some shots all we used were the cobblestones on the street. Everything else was painted in. Digital cinema is magnificent. You can do so many great things. It's a great tool. One of the things I love is I can shoot at a high-frame rate, and then I can adjust the speed of the camera movement. Or if an actor moves his head to react a little bit too quick, I can subtly slow it down and give it a more dramatic move that the audience can't perceive. Sometimes an actor will have a little twitch or an eye blink at the most inopportune moment in his performance. You can change the actor's makeup. If he has circles under his eyes you can just paint them out.

How is that for the actors, knowing their work can be manipulated?

Most actors probably aren't aware of all the sophistication of the tools we have. But some do. I think acting is going to evolve, as with all technology. Actors in the early days of cinema had to project their voices because the microphones weren't that sensitive. Now actors can whisper or mumble their performances so we can pick up what they're saying. Actors will evolve knowing that digital tools can help them enhance their performances as time goes on.

BOSTON, BOND

Maslany in talks for Gyllenhaal's Boston Marathon movie

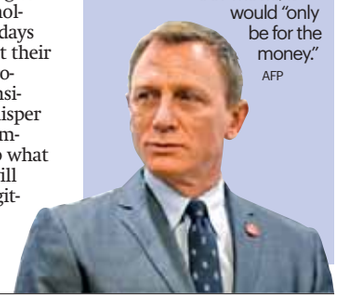
Canadian actress Tatiana Maslany could be on the verge of joining Stronger, a Boston Marathon biopic that already has Jake Gyllenhaal installed as its male lead. The part is that of a female runner taking part in the 2013 Boston Marathon; Gyllenhaal is in place to play her boyfriend, Jeff Bauman, who was waiting at the finish line where two bombs went off. AFP

Daniel Craig is shaken, not stirred, by the thought of playing Bond right now

Actor Daniel Craig has said he wants to move on from the James Bond franchise and that, for now, he would rather slit his wrists than do another Bond movie.

In an interview with Time Out magazine, in which he was asked whether he could imagine doing another Bond film, Craig said: "Now? I'd rather break this glass and slash my wrists. ... I'm over it at the moment. We're done. All I want to do is move on."

He added that he doesn't know and does not want to think about his next step, and that if he were to do another 007 movie, it would "only be for the money." AFP



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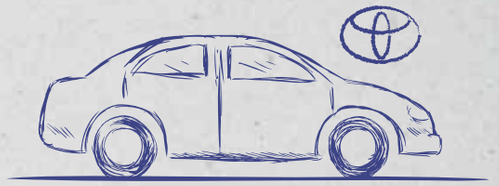

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Climate change crisis is 'the big one'

DOCUMENTARY

This Changes Everything is a star-supported call for action

In tackling an issue as big as climate change, journalists-turned-activists Naomi Klein and Avi Lewis knew they needed more than Klein's 2014 book This Changes Everything: Capitalism vs. The Climate to inspire action.

There would have to be a website and a companion documentary, This Changes Everything, directed by Lewis.

What about a headline-grabbing manifesto, signed by celebrity supporters including Rachel McAdams, Ellen Page and Leonard Cohen?

And all this, of course, should unfold in tandem with the campaigning of Canada's political leaders in advance of the Oct. 19 election.

Thus, an expansive multiplatform campaign was born.

With all these elements now in play — the doc hits select theatres Friday — Lewis noted their environmental call-to-arms has turned into an all-consuming endeavour.

"We have a conviction that if you want to introduce new framings, new narratives, new ideas, we need multiple points of entry," Lewis explained recently by phone from New York. "We conceived of it ... more than five years ago."

That was when the husband-and-wife team began researching individually in their respective mediums, sharing their discoveries along the way.

"For a number of years I was making a film about a book that hadn't been written yet," notes Lewis, who enlisted Klein as the film's narrator. "The film is my interpretation of Naomi's core thesis, and her narration is her selecting one big idea from a book ... to inform these particular stories that I decided to shoot."

They covered the globe in making the film, visiting nine countries and five continents to profile seven communities forced into action by burgeoning environmental threats.

They include the controversial Alberta oilsands; northern Greece mining projects that threatened mountains, seas, and tourism; and a proposed coal-fired power plant in Andhra Pradesh, India where villagers feared for the safety of crucial wetland.

All over the world, Lewis says this issue "is the big one."

"The climate crisis is the issue that connects the dots among all the other issues, especially when you look at ... the economic system that put it there," he says. "This is the fight of our lives."

Joining the fight are several celebrity backers: This Changes Everything is executive produced by Gravity director Alfonso Cuaron, actor Danny Glover, and Family Guy creator Seth MacFarlane, with co-executive producers including actress Pamela Anderson, fashion designer Vivienne Westwood and fellow filmmaker and philanthropist Susan Rockefeller.

Even more are signatories to the "leap manifesto" released last month, which called on the next federal government to transition Canada entirely off fossil fuels in as little as 35 years.

Lewis says the major political parties are out of touch with Canadians. "Scratch the surface and people know that there's something fundamentally wrong with the underpinning logic of our whole system." THE CANADIAN PRESS



Director Avi Lewis, right, on the set of This Changes Everything. HANDOUT

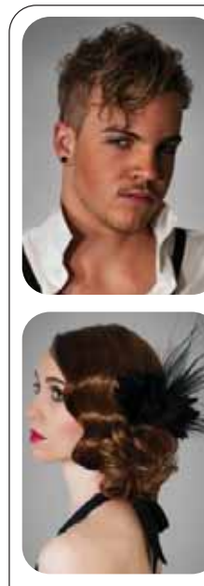


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Sci-fi, fantasy junkies make the films they want to watch

Steve Gow
For Metro Canada

Fans are taking over the film industry!

Or at least, they're getting in on the action. From lovers of Lord of the Rings to Indiana Jones junkies, pop-culture enthusiasts have created the new sub-genre of fan films — die-hard admirers paying homage to their favourite stories and characters by imitating those worlds on video.

"Who wouldn't want to be a superhero for a few weeks?" asks fan-turned-filmmaker Maya Glick. "People have always been into living vicariously through their favourite characters, even more so in science fiction and fantasy. People have a need to live through those characters and that's why you see things like cosplay and (fan films)."

While it all sounds like a trivial hobby, fan films are exploding as a genre thanks to affordable technology and the Internet. As featured in the upcoming HBO Canada documentary Fanarchy!, fans produce more content each month than actual movie studios and broadcasters combined.

"People have movie cameras on their iPhones now," explained Glick, who is featured in Fanarchy!. "(And) you've got the characters already, you've got the story already — whether you are an amateur or you're a filmmaker, it's a really fun exercise. It's a way to take something you already care about and just bring it to life."

For Glick personally, that passion lies in her upcoming fan film about Marvel superhero Storm (most famously portrayed by Halle Berry in four X-Men movies). An elaborate tribute, Glick was able to raise over $20,000 through crowdfunding to see the project come to life.

"It's definitely made things more accessible for a lot of different creative people," said Glick about crowdfunding's contribution to fan films. "(But) the highest-quality fan films are made by people that already have access to all those resources — Hollywood guys that know the actors, they've already got the studio, they have all that stuff — and its just a fun thing they can do with nothing to lose."

Fanarchy! premieres on HBO Canada Oct. 10.



Fanarchy! follows fans as they make their own films. HANDOUT

TOP THREE FAN FILMS

Star Trek Continues: Lifelong Trekkie Vic Mignogna went where no man had gone before by building an impressive replica of the original series' soundstage for this award-winning fan film web series. (startrekcontinues.com)

Raiders of the Lost Ark: The Adaptation: In 1982, two Mississippi teens recreated Steven Spielberg's Indiana Jones classic line-for-line. Three decades later, their work is a hit that's been endorsed by Spielberg himself. (raidersguys.wix.com/raidersguys)

The Hunt for Gollum: A team of U.K. filmmakers crafted this Lord of the Rings prequel. The production stars a Viggo Mortensen-look-alike and cinematography that appears straight out of the epic fantasy franchise. (thehuntforgollum.com) STEVE GOW

TV BRIEFS

Murderous 16th-century countess gets TV treatment

The CBS television network is set to develop a new series based on a 16th-century Hungarian duchess with producers David Eick (Battlestar Galactica) and Joel Silver (Die Hard). Countess Elizabeth Bathory is infamous for being one of the most prolific murderers in history. It is believed that she would torture her victims, most often young girls, before killing them. According to legend, the aristocrat would bathe in the blood of her victims, preferably virgins. It was believed that this was to maintain her youth and beauty. Accused of the torture and murder of over 100 victims, Bathory was imprisoned in her castle for the last four years of her life. The legend also inspired the character played by Lady Gaga in the fifth season of American Horror Story, which kicked off Wednesday on FX. AFP



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The premiere of Dr. Ken met with mixed reviews. Yet the series that stars Ken Jeong as a snarky, short-fused doctor and an uptight family man has the makings to be this season's newest comedy gem. Seriously. Just hear us out. Here are five reasons why Dr. Ken is the show you should catch this season **BRIAN GASPAREK/FOR METRO**



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1 Dr. Ken is made of 100% Jeong

When has Ken Jeong's on-screen comedy ever let us down? The answer is never. He was sidesplitting in Community and was the highlight of all of the Hangover flicks. With Dr. Ken, Jeong has complete creative control over all of the laughs. Not only is he the star of the show, he is also the creator, producer and main writer. Let's give Ken a chance to do his thing because he will most likely deliver. Besides, we've already seen him play a crude, crass doctor in Knocked Up and Two And A Half Men and he totally nailed it.

2 It features a Kids in the Hall alum

Dr. Ken features Canadian comedy legend Dave Foley. The former Kids In The Hall and NewsRadio alum has a starring role in the sitcom as Pat. Not only does he give the show a ton of cred, his presence guarantees a lot of laughs. We can never get enough Dave Foley.



3 Suzy Nakamura plays a main character ... finally

Suzy Nakamura is lovable and hilarious. She has been a standout with all of her bit parts over the years on sitcoms such as 8 Simple Rules, According To Jim, Curb Your Enthusiasm, Modern Family and How I Met Your Mother. She has finally scored a much-deserved full-time gig on Dr. Ken as Ken's wife, Dr. Allison Park. Trust us, she's going to be a star. We could all use more Suzy in our lives.

4 Margaret Cho will be a guest star this season

Margaret Cho is one of the best and most talented standup comedians around. She also happens to be a guest star on Dr. Ken this season. Cho will play Dr. Wendi, a rival doctor to Ken, which should be a huge addition to the cast. Can you imagine how awesome she will be exchanging blunt barbs with Jeong? Things are going to get fantastically ugly.

5 The return of Tisha Campbell-Martin

It's been a long time since Tisha Campbell-Martin has made us laugh in our living rooms. In the '90s, she was hilarious next to Martin Lawrence in her long-running role as Gina on Martin. She was just as great next to Damon Wayans as Jay on My Wife and Kids. After years away from the sitcom spotlight, she is finally back to bring the sarcasm on Dr. Ken as Damona. She will be laying down the smack on Jeong in the best possible way. We can't wait.

A MUST-SEE
Dr. Ken airs Fridays at 8:30 p.m. ET on ABC


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Making a name for himself as Uhtred

HISTORICAL DRAMA

Alexander Dreymon gets medieval in The Last Kingdom



Ned Ehrbar
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In The Last Kingdom, American Horror Story star Alexander Dreymon heads way back in time to play Uhtred of Bebbanburg, a 9th century Briton taken prisoner and raised by Vikings as a boy before returning to help unite the Anglo-Saxon kingdoms into what will eventually be Great Britain. And that involves a whole lot of time on horseback.

Was this a time period you were interested in before?
It was always a time that I was fascinated with just because we know so little about it. The Danes didn't keep any records of their historical events, they didn't write. It becomes so interesting because there are so many parts that you have to fill out with your own imagination. What it means for me as an actor is I get to spend a lot of time on a horse, playing with swords and riding through the forest, making campfires — every little boy's dream.

When you sign up for this kind of show, do you consider how much you'll be on a horse?
I spent quite a bit of time riding when I was a kid, but that doesn't mean I knew how to. During that time it was mainly that the brain of the operation was the horse and not me, so I was kind of literally just a passenger. But I always loved it so I was actually begging for more time on the horse during the shoot. I think acting on a horse improves your horsemanship and your acting. It makes you a better rider to act on a horse and a better actor to do it on a horse.

A lot of actors just lie and list it as a skill and figure they'll deal with it if they have to.

Let me be clear, I didn't grow up riding. I did quite a lot of it when I was a kid, but I never learned how to do it. And on set we had an amazing stunt coordinator who does essentially what Robert Redford does in The Horse Whisperer. That's his way of dealing with the horses and ultimately his way of dealing with actors because I think you need a lot of patience to deal with us (laughs).

> **I had to get used to the name, and now I'm totally in love with it**
> Alexander Dreymon



Alexander Dreymon stars in The Last Kingdom as a Saxon nobleman's son kidnapped and raised by Vikings. CONTRIBUTED

A lot of the names in this sound like mouthfuls.
Yeah, about the names. (laughs) My first thought was who would be cruel enough to name their child Uhtred? I had to get used to the name, and now I'm totally in love with it. I've got to be honest, the names were a struggle because nobody knew how to pronounce them. Everybody had their own take on it. One day this historical adviser comes on set, and I'm like, "Dude, you've really got to tell me, how do you guys know how to pronounce these names?" And he goes, "Oh, we don't know. We just make it up."

DEBUT
The Last Kingdom premieres Saturday at 10 p.m. ET on BBC America

Do you think Uhtred will catch on now as a name?
(Laughs) I think if I had a wife and I wanted to name my child Uhtred, she'd divorce me. I don't think it will catch on in that sense. I mean, it would be great if it would. I don't think anyone would name their child Khaleesi, for instance. At least I hope not.

I'm pretty sure someone probably already has.
You know, there might be some dogs or cats that are going to be called Uhtred. Like maybe a wolfhound. But it would be way funnier if it was a Chihuahua or a Yorkshire.

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RECOGNITION

Rock and Roll Hall of Fame nominates Janet Jackson, Chicago

Janet Jackson, Steve Miller, Chicago and The Cars are among the first-time nominees being considered for induction next year in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

Cheap Trick, Los Lobos, Chaka Khan and James Brown's famed backup band The J.B.'s also are new to the ballot. Eight of the 15 potential honorees are first-timers, although none are in their first year of eligibility.

More than 800 artists and members of the music industry vote on the inductees, who will be announced in December. Fans can also vote on the rock hall's website toward a "fan's ballot" that will also be counted.

Artists back on the ballot for another try are Chic, Deep Purple, N.W.A., Nine Inch Nails, The Smiths, The Spinners and Yes.

Janet — Miss Jackson if you're nasty — would uphold a family tradition. The Jackson 5 were inducted in 1997 and Janet Jackson's late brother Michael joined as a solo artist in 2001. The singer of If, All For You and That's the Way Love Goes just released Unbreakable, her first new disc since 2008.

The California-based Miller, with hits like Fly Like an Eagle and Jet Airliner to his name, was a stalwart of 1970s radio along with the jazzy soft rock of Chicago, known for Colour My World and If You Leave Me Now.

The Cars' brittle New Wave pop of My Best Friend's Girl helped define the turn into the 1980s. Los Lobos' How Will the Wolf Survive and Kiko albums were critical favourites and the band has endured as a top live act.

The stuttering recitation of Chaka Khan's name was a signature of her 1984 hit I Feel For You. The J.B.'s well-disciplined tightness and supreme funk made them among the most sampled artists in music. Midwestern favourites Cheap Trick's Beatles-at-top-volume sound became a hit after they travelled to Japan and made a live album before an enthusiastic audience.

Artists are eligible for the hall 25 years after their first music is released. Acts nominated in their first year of eligibility, like Green Day last year, usually are slam dunks for inclusion but no one fits that bill this year.



Of the returning nominees, Los Angeles rappers N.W.A. received a major publicity boost through the move Straight Outta Compton.

The Cleveland-based Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum generally inducts five performers a year, along with separately considered inductees in categories like non-performers or early influences.

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Who out there is still stealing music?

TECHNOLOGY

With cheap streaming services, theft a head scratcher

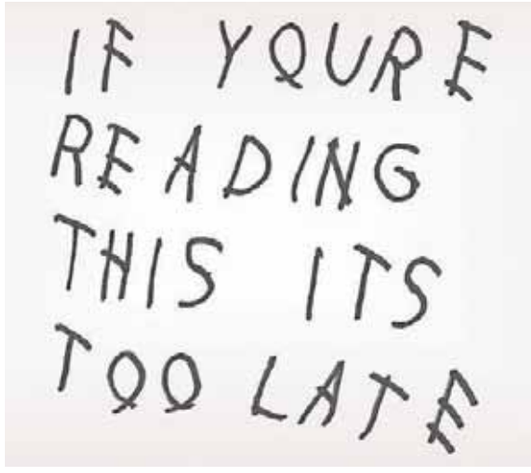
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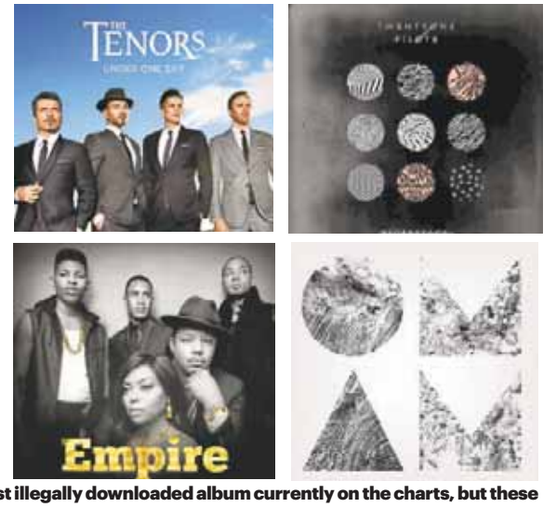


It baffles me that people are still going through the trouble of stealing.

Rather than contend with incomplete files, poor metadata, missing artwork, inconsistent sampling rates, the potential for viruses and all the other inconveniences — not to mention all the time and effort required to locate, seed and organize — why not just sign up for a streaming music service?

Ten dollars a month doesn't seem like much of an issue. Even the free versions give you access to about 35 million (and counting) songs with a couple of clicks or pokes. Streaming has put a big dent into the stealing of music, yet the theft continues.





Drake's if You're Reading This it's Too Late is apparently the most illegally downloaded album currently on the charts, but these other ones are popular thefts as well. CONTRIBUTED CBC

So what's being stolen? I ran across some statistics recently from hypebot.com that looked at what current hits from the Billboard charts are being illegally downloaded.

Rap and hip-hop is by far the most pillaged genre, accounting for well over a third of all stolen songs, followed by R&B (about a quarter), EDM and alternative, each with about a sixth of all rip-offs.

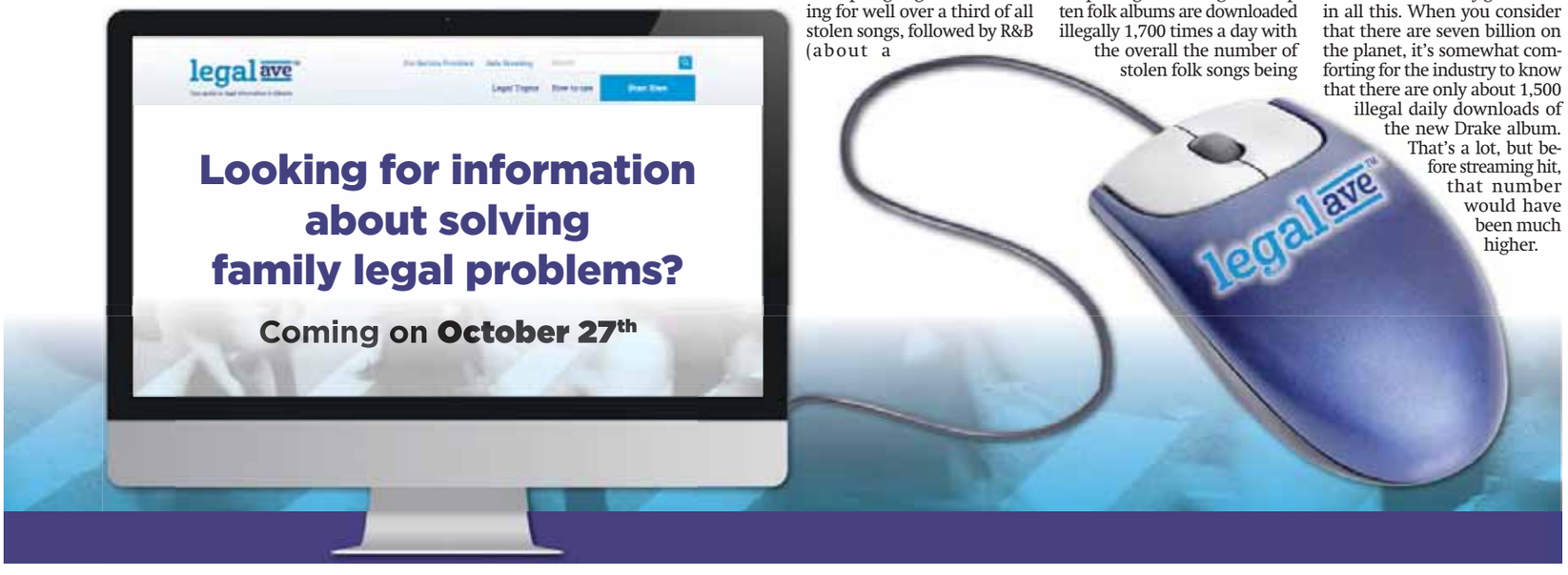
Folkies aren't above a little shoplifting. On average, the top ten folk albums are downloaded illegally 1,700 times a day with the overall the number of stolen folk songs being about double that of mainstream rock records.

The least stolen music? Classical, which barely registered in the study, falling miles below even Christian tracks.

Let's look at individual artists. If I'm Drake, I'm really, really annoyed. His If you're Reading This It's Too Late album is currently the most-poached current release with total thefts running higher than the Top 10 albums from the alternative, rock, country, classical and Christian charts combined.The soundtrack from season one of Fox's Empire is the most-stolen R&B album while Jamie xx's In Colour leads the EDM theft parade. Beneath the Skin from Of Monsters and Men is the top folk album. Twenty One Pilots' Blurryface is the most-stolen record from rock and alternative charts (it's charting in both places).

And if you're wondering which classical record people are stealing most often, it's The Tenors' Under One Sky.

But there's actually good news in all this. When you consider that there are seven billion on the planet, it's somewhat comforting for the industry to know that there are only about 1,500 illegal daily downloads of the new Drake album. That's a lot, but before streaming hit, that number would have been much higher.



M Train a meditation on love and loss

PATTI SMITH

Writer wades into memories of marriage in literary sequel

Revered for her influence on punk rock, Patti Smith proved herself to be a literary heavyweight as well with her 2010 memoir, Just Kids, which won the National Book Award for Nonfiction.

Smith delves further into her literary persona in a follow-up book, M Train, a meditation on memory, loss and her worldwide quest for a perfect cup of coffee.

Just Kids offered a tender account of her relationship with avant-garde photographer Robert Mapplethorpe, in a memoir of artistic and sexual discovery but also of the gritty New York of the 1960s and 1970s that stirred their creative energies.

In M Train, which comes out Tuesday, Smith reflects on her life's other great, late love, rocker Fred "Sonic" Smith of the band MC5, for whom Patti Smith relocated to Detroit after they married in 1980.

She returned to New York with their two children after he died in 1994. But M Train is less tied to a city than Just Kids.

Instead the now 68-year-old Smith goes back into her memories — and her photographs, many of them reproduced — as she fondly recalls trips to places as varied as French Guiana, Tangier, Tokyo and Veracruz, the last of which was reputed to have the world's best coffee.

Yet M Train is also a book about loss — not only of her husband but of seemingly unrelated anchors in her life, including a club devoted to the study of Alfred Wegener, the German scientist best known for the Continental Drift theory, and a cafe in Greenwich Village where Smith every morning would sit at the same table and order black coffee and brown toast with olive oil.

"Why is it that we lose the things we love, and things cavalier cling to us and will be the measure of our worth after we're gone?" she writes.

A writer before rocker

Absent from M Train is virtually any direct mention of Smith's music, from her 1975 album Horses, which is often ranked among rock's most influential, to her best-known song, Because the Night.

Unlike so many rock memoirists, Smith has no interest in boasting of excesses.

In M Train, she obliquely refers to shows as "jobs" and, to explain how in 1978 she was able to lease a building in New York, writes that she "came into a little money."

"I feel embarrassed when people call me a musician," Smith said Saturday night at The New Yorker Festival ahead of the book's release.

Smith told the event that she can "play a few chords," but that she ultimately considered herself a "performer" whose skill was working up crowds.

Smith, who grew up in working-class southern New Jersey, said that neither of her parents completed high school but belonged to a generation that considered reading their entertainment. Her father, she said, would casually quote Aristotle.



Smith's own literary aspirations were born after her childhood discovery of French doomed poet Arthur Rimbaud, and she has long published her own verse along with music.

More books on way

Smith, explaining why she wrote the latest book, joked Saturday that her late husband was envious of the attention to Mapplethorpe via Just Kids.

Smith said she had further books in progress including a companion to Just Kids that would focus on music.

Merging her literary and musical sides, she is following the release of M Train with a concert tour of Europe and the United States to mark the 40th anniversary of Horses. AFP



M Train reflects on Patti's time with the late Fred Smith of MC5. GETTY IMAGES



Scouting the extreme wilds of Canada

INTERVIEW

Adam Shoalts took a solo trip to find an uncharted river

Sue Carter
For Metro Canada



The afternoon after Adam Shoalts moved into his new home in the picturesque town of Paris, Ont, he already had plans to paddle the Grand River and explore some nearby ponds he discovered on topographical maps. While many would consider that an adventure, for Shoalts, it's the equivalent of a leisurely stroll in the park.

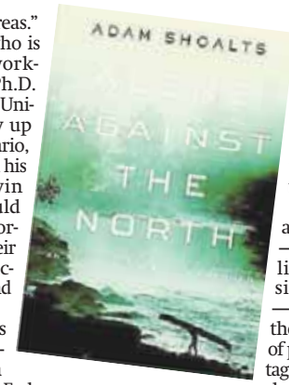
Shoalts' explorations of Canada's wilderness have earned him the reputation of a modern-day Magellan (or a real-life Indiana Jones, as the Toronto Star dubbed him).

His debut book, Alone Against the North: An Expedition into the Unknown, published by Viking Canada, tracks his dangerous solo journeys through the Hudson Bay Lowlands in search of a mysterious river that had never been canoed or documented in its entirety.

While the book is a nail-biting chronicle of polar-bear encounters, brutal swarms of black flies and surprise tumbles down waterfalls, Shoalts also vividly describes an area of the country most of us will never witness.

"We're living in a world with seven billion people in the 21st century. When I go to these places, it's hard not to feel a sense of the divine," he says.

"I'm not a religious person at all, but the closest to a religious experience that I know is going to these pristine wilderness areas."



Shoalts, who is currently working on his Ph.D. at McMaster University, grew up in rural Ontario, where he and his fraternal-twin brother would search the forest behind their house for raccoon skulls and fox dens.

He recalls being inspired as a 13-year-old by Farley Mowat's wilderness novel Lost in the Barrens. "I got obsessed with this idea of doing extreme journeys where you wouldn't exactly want to go for a picnic," he says.

Although he's gained international fame for his voyages, Shoalts didn't start out travelling on his own.

While leading his first expedition for the Royal Canadian Geographical Society, Shoalts' best friend, who was accompanying him, called a float pilot to take him back home.

"He decided it was more glamorous to read about it than actually do it," says Shoalts.

"It was monotonous, repetitive and cold. I was rightly horrified at the idea of doing journeys alone in polar-bear territory, and I never planned to do one that way. I could have gone home and said I failed but I couldn't stand that thought. There was no way I was going to quit."

Shoalts was aware of the risks — bears are more likely to attack single travellers — and then there's the gruelling work of paddling and portaging long distances alone, or setting up a dry camp during a lightning storm. But he discovered the intangible benefit of not worrying about his fellow trekkers.

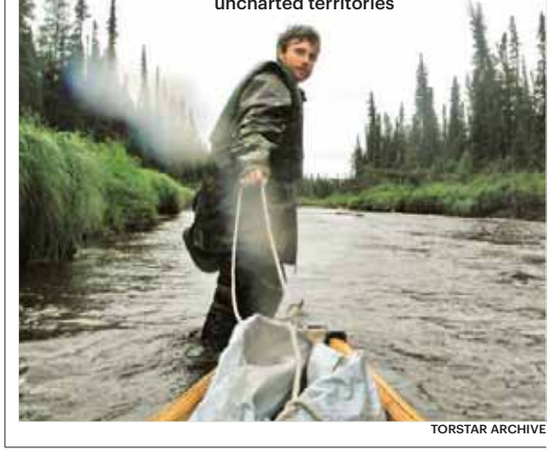
"I push myself every day and I'm not going to get tired of what I'm doing. What I find with expeditions with other people is you have to make sure their spirits are up each day," he says.

"I've had times where it's rained for two weeks straight. You're often sleeping on a small patch of dry land and on the other side of you there's just swamp. There are parts of Canada's wilderness that are majestic and awe-inspiring, but those aren't the places I go exploring."

Sue Carter is the editor at Quill & Quire magazine.

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Adam Shoalts on exploring uncharted territories



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As the influence of social media continues to grow, how is the art world being affected?

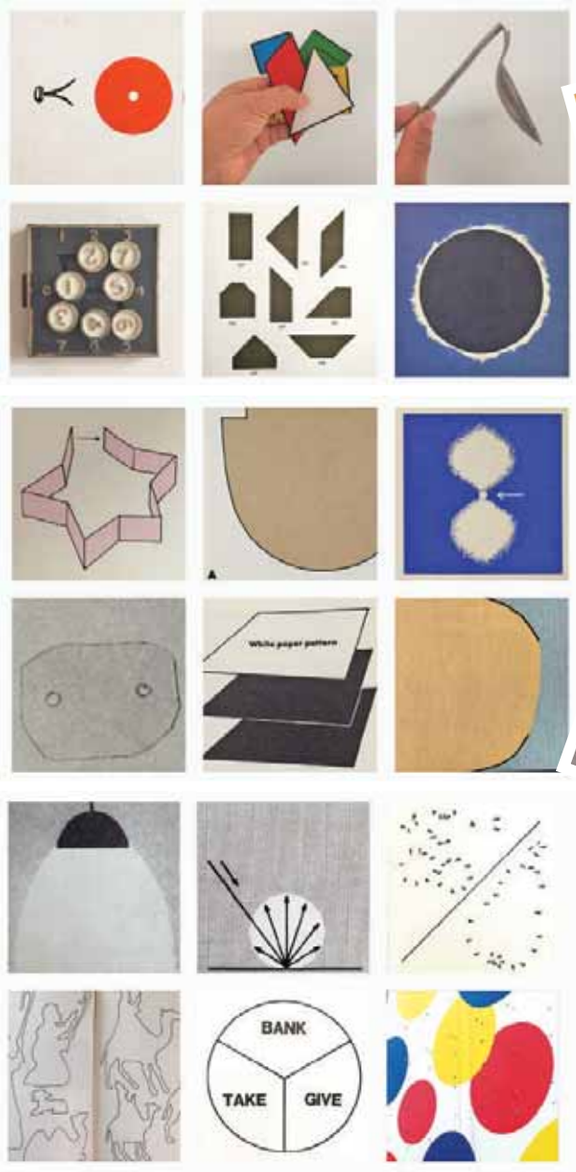
That question came up this past spring, when actor Pierce Brosnan took a selfie in front of a work he admired, a futuristic chaise longue. "Let the bidding commence," he typed, before posting it to his 164,000 Instagram followers. The item later sold for roughly $3.7 million, breaking the world auction record for a design object. But Instagram's power isn't just limited to sales and marketing; it's also being used in the creation of art, or as art in and of itself.

Toronto-based artist Micah Lexier says the attraction is based on its purely visual nature. "I'm in my 50s, and I'm not much of a social media person," he confesses, "but (Instagram) is really about the image and it's something I, as an artist, am used to."

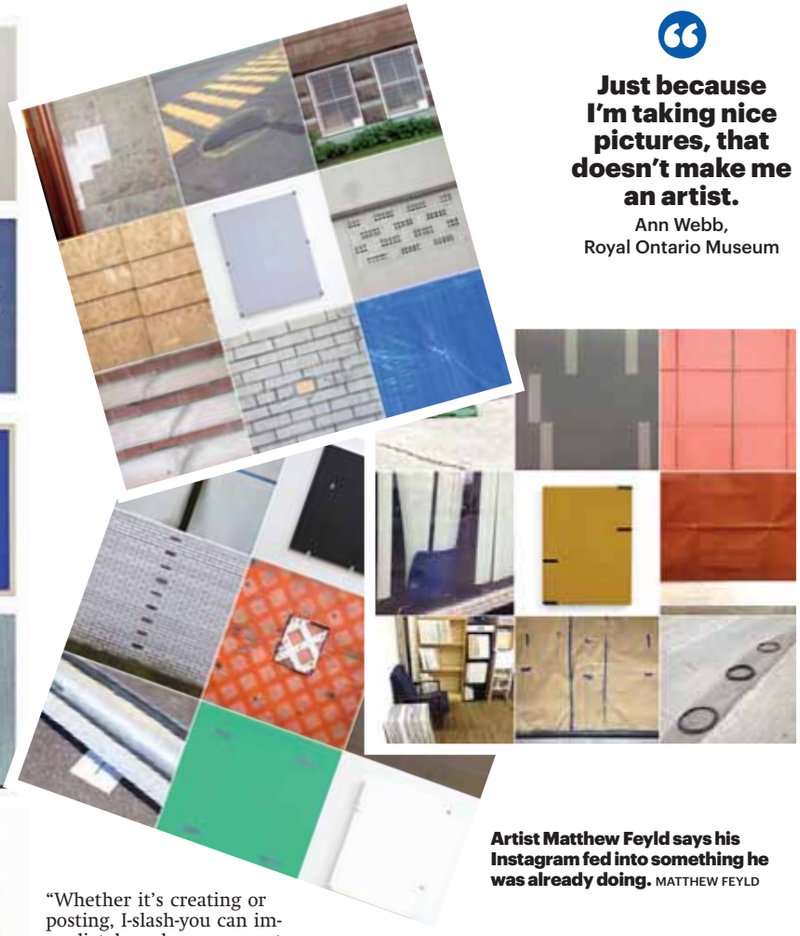
Canadian artist Matthew Feyld concurs. "As a visual artist, what's better than an image based social media platform?"

"Before digital cameras, I took millions of source photographs," Lexier recalls. "I always had a camera and took pictures — I've thousands of boxes filled with them. (Instagram) fed into something I was already doing."

Ann Webb, Managing Director of Contemporary Culture at the Royal Ontario Museum, thinks Instagram has made the seemingly highfalutin visual art world more accessible.



Images from Micah Lexier's Instagram. INSTAGRAM: MICAHLEXIER



Artist Matthew Feyld says his Instagram fed into something he was already doing. MATTHEW FEYLD

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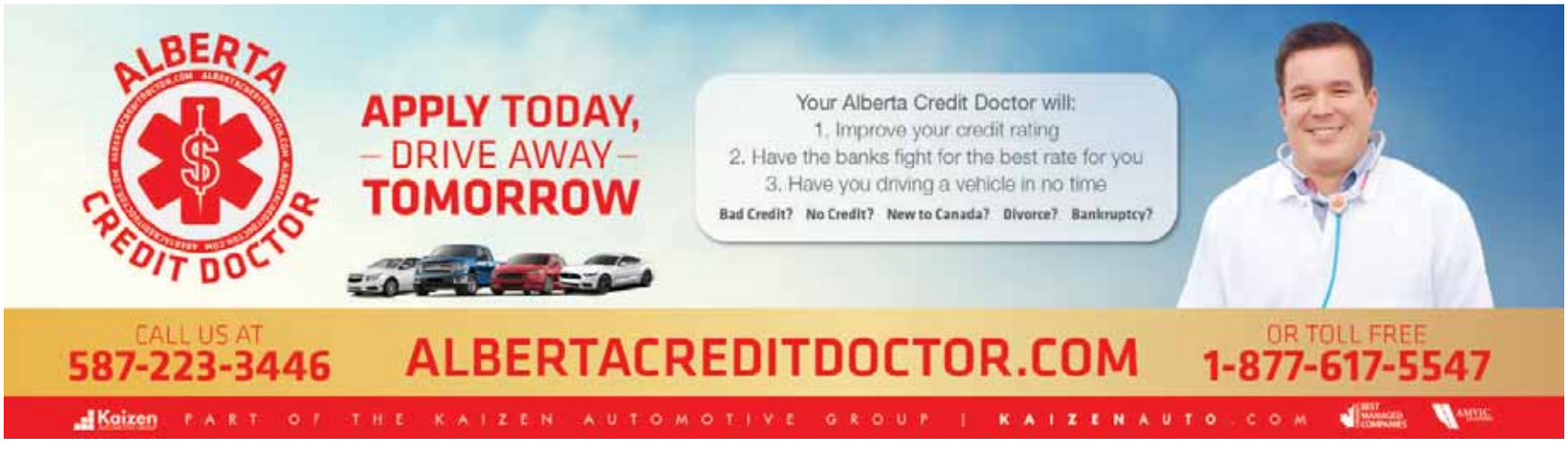
"Whether it's creating or posting, I-slash-you can immediately make a comment back and forth."

Instagram can also be an entry point. "I sit at this coffee shop every morning," Lexier says, "and this one guy kept saying hi, and eventually introduced himself, saying, 'I follow your Instagram.' I checked his work out — it was the social thing to do — and I really liked it. I wound up curating his show."

Feyld found a Paris-based dealer because of his feed. "I've made a number of wonderful connections through Instagram," he says.

It wasn't connection but commerce that caused a furor when, earlier this year, American artist Richard Prince exhibited several enlarged photos of other people's Instagram posts; Prince added his own commentary at the bottom of each one, and sold them for $90,000 a pop.

Webb sees purpose as central to artists and their relationship with Instagram. "I think in order for something to be art, you have to be an artist with intent. Just because I'm taking nice pictures, that doesn't make me an artist."


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Hike the rugged terrain of the San Andreas Fault, and straddle the Pacific and North American tectonic plates, left.

It's as though the '60s moved in and refused to leave. But while Palm Springs, Calif., honours its swinging past, there is a new energy to this low-slung city. With a population of 45,000, which triples during 'The Season' (January to April), new hotels are being built, restaurants are springing up, and the airport has expansion plans. Their estimated five million visitors a year continues to grow.

This desert heat keeps up through October, with the hottest part of the day late afternoon. So if you only have 48 hours, arrange your outdoor adventures in the morning.

Day 1

Start with a trip to the San Andreas Fault. Desert Adventure Tours has the exclusive licence to take the geologically interested through miles of bumpy, sandy and often tortured-looking terrain. Climb through a slim crack in the rocks and touch both the Pacific and North American tectonic plates at the same time.

Wipe off the dust and drop into a popular local restaurant like Trio for a fresh and reasonable lunch. All restaurants in conservation-aware Palm Springs only serve water to customers if requested.

As the day heats up, head for the hills by ascending to 8,516 feet (2,600 metres) via the rotating Palm Springs Aerial Tramway. Temperatures dip a full -1 C at the top of the Chino Cliffs canyon. Tackle some of the 87 kilometres of hiking trails at the top to work up a healthy appetite for dinner.

The Workshop Kitchen is known for its Pisco Punch and ever-changing menu. Or savour a deconstructed meal at Dish Creative Cuisine, one of Palm Spring's newest restaurants.

Day 2

Stars come out at night, but you can visit stars' homes in the daytime. A specialized walking tour takes you to the heart of the Movie Colony district, playground for Frank Sinatra and pals. In a serendipitous nod to the transition between old Hollywood and new, Leonardo DiCaprio recently purchased the Dinah Shore estate.

Lunch at the celebrity-filled Parker Meridien café Norma's, which is best enjoyed after a stroll through their beautiful grounds.

Spend a hot and sunny afternoon poolside; the Saguaro hotel rooms surround a very private and colourful pool, which has a calming vibe.

Dinner at the Tropicale embodies the cuisine and culture of Palm Springs: an organic food experience on an outdoor patio while a jazz band provides the perfect ambiance.

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More to Montreal than St. Laurent

ON THE MOVE

Comedy, art and Garden make for a great weekend

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Montreal: Through the Eyes of Vittorio showcases the work of photographer and illustrator Vittorio Fiorucci. MUSÉE MCCORD MUSEUM; INSET: PAPRIKA, 2015

When I was a student at Montreal's McGill University I spent my time bar hopping on St. Laurent, hanging out in the student ghetto and occasionally studying. This past weekend, some 20 years later, I returned to my old home and discovered a few things that weren't on my radar back then, but should be part of everyone's experience in this incredible city.

Comedyworks

Montreal has been synonymous with comedy since the Just for Laughs festival was founded in 1983.

If you are looking to get your giggle on outside of festival dates, the best bet is to hit a comedy club. The Comedyworks on Bishop Street is a small intimate club with friendly staff and free popcorn. The headliner last Friday night was festival veteran Daniel Tirado.

I really wasn't sure what to expect but he was laugh-out-loud hilarious. An unexpected treat was the calibre of the five local comics that came up before him.

However, I would caution that every act was colourful — viewer discretion is advised.

Vittorio exhibit

Located just across the street from the main gates of the McGill campus is the McCord Museum. It focuses on the history and people of Montreal. There are a number of permanent exhibits but I was most interested in a temporary exhibit, Montreal: Through the Eyes of Vittorio.

Vittorio Fiorucci was a skilled photographer and illustrator who focused on poster making and produced more than 400 over a 40-year period.

I had not heard his name before, but I certainly recognized his art. His creations for the Just for Laughs Festival are widely known and instantly recognizable. The exhibit runs until April 10, 2016.



The Magic of Lanterns features more than 900 lanterns from the Shanghai region. MICHEL TREMBLAY/JARDIN BOTANIQUE DE MONTRÉAL

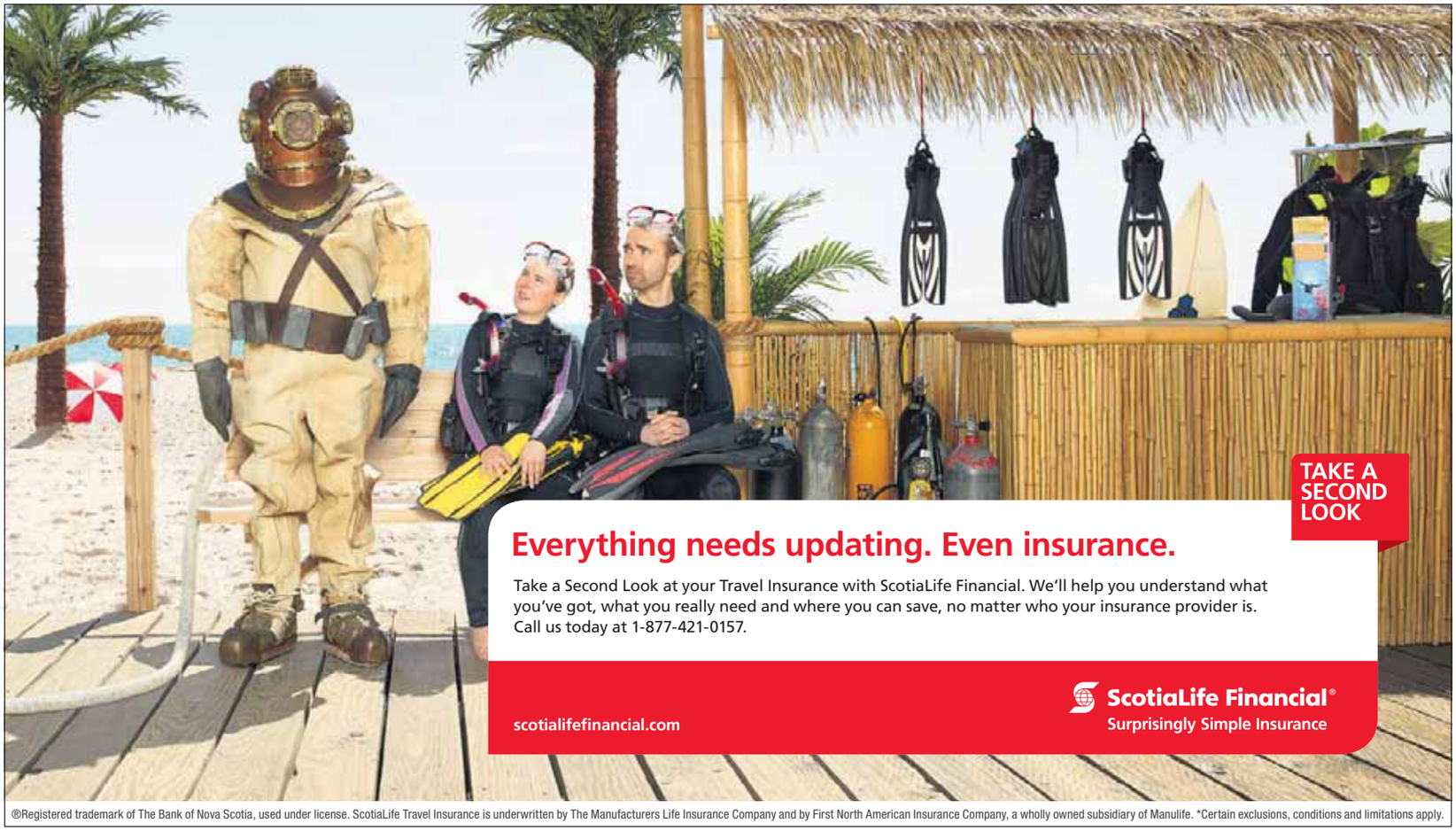
Lantern extravaganza

An easy subway ride from downtown, the Montreal Botanical Garden is adjacent to the city's iconic Olympic stadium.

Opened in 1931, the gardens were declared a National Historic Site in 2008.

Every night from now until Nov. 1 the Magic of Lanterns event will light up the Garden's 2.5-hectare Chinese garden. More than 900 handmade lanterns from China's Shanghai region are showcased throughout.

They arrive in the summer and for two months workers build the supports, install the electrical wiring and hang the lanterns all in preparation for this annual event. The final effect is stunning.


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Llucalcari village in Mallorca, the largest and most culturally diverse of the Balearic Islands. MAIN AND ENSAÏMADA PHOTOS: GIORGIO GATTI/BALEARIC MINISTRY FOR INNOVATION RESEARCH AND TOURISM/ATB

Spain's islands in the sun

BALEARIC ISLANDS

From huts to hotels, an experience for every budget

Catherine Roberts
For Metro Canada

Spain's Balearic Islands have long embraced two polar opposites. On one hand, it is a popular haunt for the rich and famous; and on the other, it has the unenviable reputation for tacky tourism built on "sun, booze and highrise resorts." The truth (as most islanders love to point out) is that the islands manages to be both and so much more at the same time. And that's its secret. It offers what few vacation spots can: something for everyone and every budget.

The largest island, Mallorca, is by far the most culturally diverse and one of the great natural destinations in the Mediterranean. Its capital, Palma, is a blend of tree-lined boulevards and cobbled stone laneways. The Cathedral (or La Seu in Catalan), which dominates the city skyline, is one of the most magnificent Gothic cathedrals in Europe. It's also a perfect place to admire the work of Antoni Gaudí for the low price of six euros.

Meanwhile, celebrities and billionaires (yes, there are quite a few) like to explore the island by yacht. There are a number of breathtaking scenic drives such as the serpentine route to Sa Calobra from the main Ma-10 road. An equally enjoyable way to see the island is to take the antique wooden train that winds its way from Palma through mountains and tunnels to Sóller, a delightful town surrounded by orange and lemon groves.

Mallorca has a number of isolated white-sand coves, accessible only by boat or on foot. One of the best is the Platja des Coll Baix. A network of rugged trails that traverse the mountains makes the island perfect for horseback riding. Many resorts and towns have stables with reasonably priced classes and excursions.

But there's no better way to experience the Mallorcan landscape and wildlife than to hike. The main hiking area is the Serra de Tramuntana mountain range along the northern coast. There are several refugis, or rustic mountain huts, where hikers can stay the night.

If the idea of a night or two in a hut is not your idea of fun, there are rural properties and spas (a must-visit is Son Brull) and hotels in every price range imaginable. If you're in the mood to splurge, then book a stay at the Jumeirah but don't be surprised if you end up running into a prince or two.

Whether you choose to bike, hike, or jump on the 103-year-old train with its timber-panelled carriages to get around, you'll find plenty to see and do, far from the maddening crowds and their "fly-and-flop" resorts, in this sun-drenched Mediterranean archipelago.



The Catedral de Mallorca. GASPAR MONROIG/BALEARIC MINISTRY FOR INNOVATION RESEARCH AND TOURISM/ATB

LOCAL EATS

No Mallorcan meal begins without a dish of olives and some pa amb oli (bread with oil). Even if you are not adventurous gastronomically, don't miss out on an island favourite, the ensaïmada, a soft round bun made with sweet dough and topped with icing, at one of the many cafés and patisseries.



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Foodie road trip adventure

Quench Trip Design has a new South African adventure led by Ontario winemaker Norman Hardie slated for early next year. Johannesburg-born Hardie will take you to his favourite restaurants and wineries, including small producers like AA Badenhorst Wines and big estates like Klein Constantia. Stay in a mix of seaside cottages and luxury retreats. Visit QuenchTravel.com.

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Former Red Sox Jon Lester and John Lackey face off Friday as the Cubs take on the Cardinals in Game 1 of the NLDS

Rangers deliver opening blow

MLB PLAYOFFS

Jays Bautista and Donaldson exit matchup with injuries

ALDS Game 1

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Advantage Texas Rangers.

The underdog AL West champions, no strangers to being written off, spoiled the Blue Jays' long-awaited return to the postseason Thursday, beating Toronto ace David Price en route to a 5-3 win.

Rangers manager Jeff Banister sends Cole Hamels, his marquee man, to the mound Friday afternoon to face Marcus Stroman in Game 2.

There's a ways to go in the best-of-five series, but Texas is smiling while Canada has its fingers crossed.

"I care a ton," said a disappointed Price. "I want to go out there and pitch well for my teammates and pitch well for this country and I didn't do that today."

A sellout crowd of 49,834, waving rally towels, lived and died with every pitch under the roof at Rogers Centre, which last saw playoff action in 1993 when the Jays won a second straight World Series.

Rougned Odor and Robinson Chirinos homered and combined to score four of the Rangers' runs as the bottom of the Texas order took its toll on Price, who was pitching on 11 days' rest.

Price, who left after seven innings, gave up five earned runs on five hits with five strikeouts and two walks. He threw 90 pitches, 59 for strikes, in taking the loss.

Price didn't hit a batter as a Jay during the regular season, but hit Odor twice in five innings — a Toronto playoff record. Both times the Texas second baseman came home to score.

Odor, a 21-year-old from Venezuela, is the second-youngest player to score three runs in a post-season game, according to ESPN Stats. Only Andruw Jones in the 1996 World Series was younger.

For all his regular-season exploits, Price has lost six straight in the playoffs since a win over Boston in 2008.

"It's been about seven years so I want that monkey off my back," Price said. "I expect to have better results out there on the field. I didn't throw the ball the way that I'm capable of today and I'll be ready to go whenever it's my turn again."

The Rangers never trailed, scoring twice in the third and fifth before adding a single run in the seventh. Toronto, limited to single runs in the fourth, fifth and sixth, outhit Texas 6-5 but was only 2-for-9 with runners in scoring position.

Texas only won two of six games against Toronto this season and Yovani Gallardo was on the mound for both. He started strongly Thursday, retiring the first nine Jays he faced before exiting after five innings with a 4-2 lead.

Rangers manager Jeff Bannister, whose Rangers seemed to come into the series with a chip on their shoulder given the attention on the Jays, pointed to his team's resolve in the wake of the win

"We've got a very confident group of guys," he said.

"We know that we're a ball club that's not a perfect ball club, but we've got a group of guys that play extremely well together."

Both teams lost key players during the game, with Jays' MVP candidate Josh Donaldson and right-fielder Jose Bautista and Texas third baseman Adrian Beltre leaving early with injuries.

Toronto said Donaldson, dinged in the head by Odor's knee in breaking up a double play, had cleared the concussion protocol and would be evaluated Friday.

Bautista was diagnosed with a hamstring cramp and is not expected to miss any more action.

An MRI showed a lower back strain for Beltre, with no immediate word on his availability.

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The Rangers' Delino DeShields scores past Blue Jays catcher Russell Martin at Rogers Centre on Thursday.

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> Blue Jays manager John Gibbons

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Hamilton brothers closer to their dream

NHL

Trades mean Freddie and Dougie could both be Flames

When the Hamilton brothers started their professional hockey careers and went their separate ways, they knew their dream of becoming NHL teammates was probably just that — a dream.

The last season Freddie and Dougie Hamilton played together was in 2012, as teammates on the Ontario Hockey League's Niagara IceDogs and Canada's team at the world junior men's championship in Edmonton and Calgary.

Now a couple of moves from Flames general manager Brad Treliving have increased the odds of the Hamiltons reuniting in Calgary and living that fantasy they'd had growing up. Treliving acquired Dougie in a trade with Boston in June and signed the 22-year-old defenceman to a six-year deal.

Earlier this week, Treliving dealt a conditional draft pick to the Colorado Avalanche for Freddie's rights. The 23-year-old forward was assigned to Calgary's new AHL affiliate in Stockton, Calif.

"I don't think it's really sunk in yet that we have an opportunity to play together in a good organization like Calgary," Freddie said from Stockton. "Maybe it will sink in soon."

"We're in the same organization now," Dougie said. "There's still some hard work to be done, but hopefully it's one step closer to our dream of playing together."



Calgary fought hard to get Dougie Hamilton, above, and gave up three draft picks while Freddie is now with the Flames affiliate and working his way up. DEREK LEUNG/GETTY IMAGES

The ninth-overall pick in the 2011 draft by the Bruins, Dougie jumped directly from major junior to the NHL. A six-foot-five, 212-pounder who can skate and move the puck is a top-four defenceman on any NHL club.

Treliving gave up Calgary's first three picks, including a first-rounder, in the June draft to land him.

Freddie has spent most of his pro career in the AHL trying to gain a foothold in the NHL. A fifth-round pick of the San Jose Sharks in 2010, the six-foot-one, 190-pound forward got in a dozen games with the Sharks before he was dealt to the Avalanche.

Freddie had a goal in 17 games with the Avs last season.

> **"I don't think it's really sunk in yet that we have an opportunity to play together in a good organization like Calgary.**
> Freddie Hamilton

"He's a smart, two-way player, hard-working and does the little things and all that stuff," was Dougie's scouting report." He can kind of play any role, versatile.

"I don't want to look too far ahead. Who knows what's going to happen, but it would just be cool if we had the opportunity."

The brothers say one of the best moments in their hockey lives was the day they were both named to the Canadian junior team.

"We were really hoping that we both made it and not just one of us," Dougie said. "That would have made it kind of weird, but we were lucky enough to both make it."

With the Flames' dressing room as their digs, Canada lost a wild semifinal 6-5 to Russia despite scoring three goals in the third period. The host team settled for the bronze medal with a 4-0 shut out of Finland.

"It was pretty disappointing when it ended actually just because we were having so much fun playing in Calgary in a great city with such good fans," Freddie said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

McDavid shows flashes of brilliance in Oilers loss

Connor McDavid's first impression in the NHL was of a player with jaw-dropping skill but some little things to work on.

The Edmonton Oilers' first-overall pick got two shots on goal, stood out in the offensive zone and struggled in the faceoff circle in a 3-1 loss to the St. Louis Blues on Thursday night at Scottrade Center. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Long the hero as Ireland beat world champions Germany

Ireland substitute Shane Long scored to upset world champion Germany 1-0 and boost its chances of qualification for Euro 2016 on Thursday.

Ireland is assured of at least a playoff place after securing its first ever competitive win over Germany. Meanwhile, Northern Ireland qualified for its first Euros with a 3-1 win over Greece. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bradley bags 17 as Celtics end tour by beating Madrid

Avery Bradley scored 17 points and the Boston Celtics ended their two-game European tour with a 111-96 victory over Real Madrid on Thursday night.

Two days after a 33-point victory over Italy's Olimpia Milano, the Celtics looked good again, this time against a much more experienced Real Madrid team playing in front of its fans. David Lee added 13 points and 11 rebounds for Boston. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Petan, Thorburn help Jets open season with a bang

Chris Thorburn and Nicolas Petan scored in the third period after Boston came within one goal, and the Winnipeg Jets opened the season with a 6-2 victory over the Bruins on Thursday night.

It was the first victory for the former Atlanta Thrashers in Boston since 2007, before the franchise moved to Winnipeg. The Bruins had beaten the Thrashers and Jets 13 consecutive times in Boston. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
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Ingredients
Marinade
- 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
- Juice of 1 large lemon
- Zest of 1/2 lemon
- 1 Tbsp of fresh chopped thyme
- 3 chicken breasts

Salad
- 6 cups sliced mixed greens
- 2 cups small potatoes, halved, boiled and tossed with oil and salt
- 4 soft boiled eggs, cut in half
- 1 cup thinly sliced carrot
- 1 cup halved cherry tomatoes
- 1 cup diced cucumber
- 1/2 cup shaved Asiago or Parmesan cheese
- 1/4 cup diced green onion
- 1/2 tsp fresh chopped thyme

Directions

1. In a bowl, combine the marinade ingredients and whisk. Pour into a large, plastic storage bag. Add chicken to bag, seal and refrigerate for at least 15 minutes.

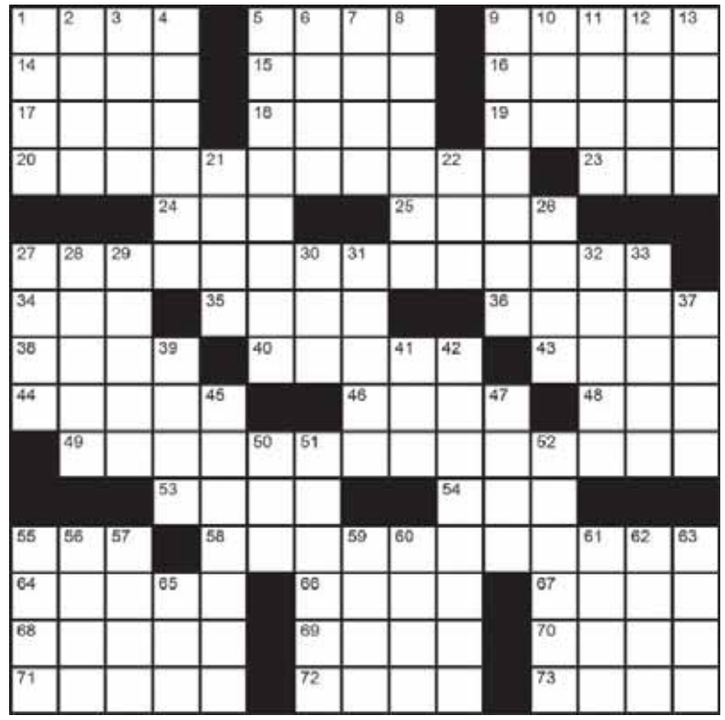
2. Arrange greens on a large serving dish. Place cooked potatoes, eggs, carrot, cherry tomatoes, cucumber and cheese in groups on top of the salad.

3. Prepare grill to medium-high heat. Remove chicken from bag; discard marinade. Place chicken on grill rack coated with cooking spray; grill 10 minutes or until browned. Turn chicken over; grill 15 minutes or until meat thermometer inserted into the thickest part of the breast measures 160. Remove chicken from grill and let stand for 10 minutes. Slice chicken into strips and place on top of salad.

4. Sprinkle the entire salad with green onions and fresh thyme. Add your favourite salad dressing ingr or plate and allow each person to dress their salad individually.

CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



ACROSS
1. Urban cloudiness
5. 'B' to Homer
9. Shakespeare's sphere
14. Get well
15. "...hear _ __ drop."
16. Roof rim things
17. -rust primer (Metal painter's purchase)
18. Mr. Rhames
19. Horse's hello
20. Removable paper covers on books: 2 wds.
23. Jour: English
24. Subway section
25. _-back (Relaxed)
27. New movie "The Walk" (2015) is the true story of Philippe Petit, a __-__ __
34. Card game
35. "Je ne __ quoi."
36. Long for
38. Bygone Ford cars
40. Attentive type
43. Axer's aim
44. RCAF's motto back when it was established in 1924... Per __ Ad Astra (Through adversity to the stars)
46. "Hot cross buns! __ _ penny, two..."
48. Three -lettered bug
49. __-__ __ (Players of music at #58-Across)
53. Approximately: 2 wds.
54. Wuthering Heights author ...her initials-sharers
55. Sea diving bird
58. Ontario: Kitchener-Waterloo event from October 9th to October 17th, 2015
64. Piece of postage
66. Daily TV doctor
67. Smart
68. Backyard spot
69. At __ (Immediately)
70. Sole's locale
71. Moults
72. Steel-__ boots
73. Shirts

DOWN
1. Herring-like fish
2. 'Entrees' lister
3. Feedbag bits
4. Techie problem
5. 'Canada's Greatest __ Festival' (How #58-Across is dubbed)
6. Grand over in fireplaces
7. "Peter Pan" (1953) fairy, for short
8. Actress Ms. Bassett
9. Compactness
10. Canadian songwriter/author, __ Spoon
11. Enthusiastic
12. Really big
13. Like the stuff left-
21. Shark movie
22. Driveway's topping
26. Atkins, for one
27. _-hoop
28. Short start?
29. "Pretty Bad Boy" is by which Canadian band?
30. Carmen Miranda movie, "That Night in __" (1941)
31. Bar, legally
32. Kitchen roll, with Wrap
33. Movement
37. Profits
39. Form of |wrestling
41. Bambi's aunt
42. Fixed part of the boot
45. Well-timed/suitable
47. Short-ened word
50. Have this ? in your wonderment
51. Item sitting on the stove's turned-on burner: 2 wds.
52. Equally quick: 2 wds.
55. Venomous dangers of the Nile
56. Beehive State
57. Reality star Ms. Gosselin
59. "I'm sorry to hear that.": 2 wds.
60. "American Idol" runner-up Bo
61. Reverberate
62. Go a -purchasing
63. Caddie's stash
65. Halfway

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
One day soon you will look back and laugh at the things you allowed yourself to get worked up about. That day will come sooner if you refuse to give in to the emotional side of your nature.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Seize the moment and make things happen. With Mars moving through the most dynamic area of your chart there is plenty of time to do something remarkable.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
What you have to do and what you want to do are two different things. The good news is that your powers of persuasion will soon be back to help you out.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
What have you done to turn certain people against you? It may have something to do with your tendency to tell the truth when they don't want to hear it.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Mercury, planet of the mind, moves out of its retrograde phase today, which among other things will make it easier for you to guess what people are thinking.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You may feel that time is running out, that if you don't make your move soon you will miss out, but that isn't true. You have plenty of time to make your mark and what you do today and over the weekend will bring some sort of recognition.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Things that did not add up a while ago now make perfect sense and no doubt you will kick yourself mentally for making it so complicated when it did not need to be. No matter.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Don't cover up for a friend if they have done something wrong because it will reflect badly on you in the long-term. They should be big enough to stand up and admit they made a mistake.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Do something dramatic today, something that impresses those in positions of power. The only thing that seems to be holding you back is that you are not sure you want to be the centre of attention. Since when have you been so modest!

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
The planets warn that certain people will try to bully you into abandoning opinions you genuinely believe in. Don't let it happen. It does not matter if the whole world seems to disagree with you.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Nothing truly happens by chance and if you keep that thought in mind today and over the weekend you will find it easier to deal with events.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Your needs and desires have not often been satisfied in recent weeks but over the next few days, leading up to the new moon on the 13th, you will make up for lost time. The sacrifices you have made will be worth it in the long-term.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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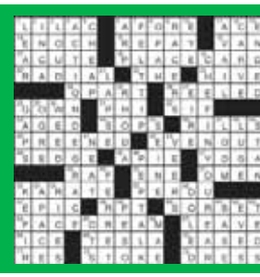
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